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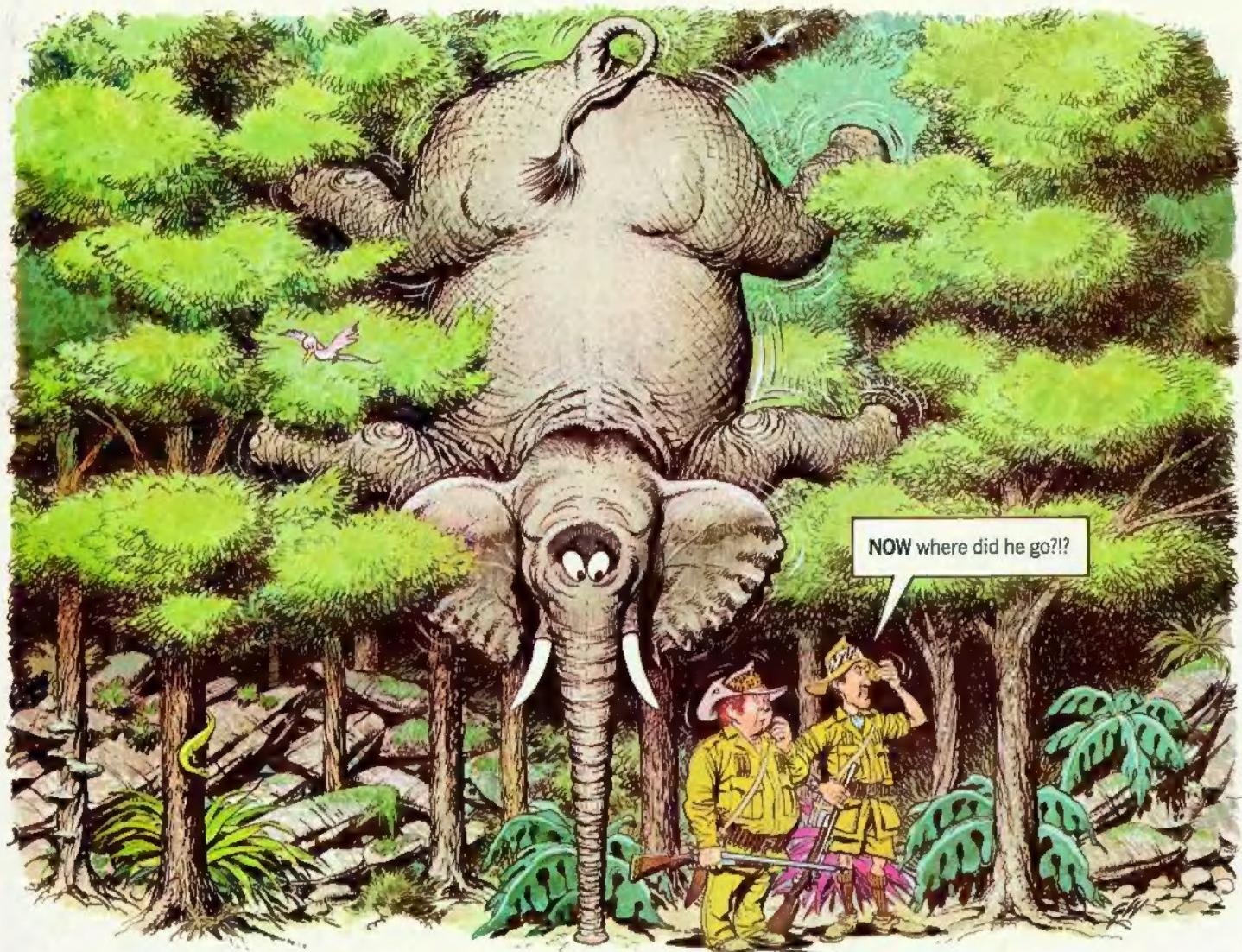
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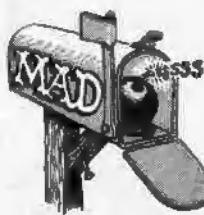
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## LETTERS DEPT.



### THE TOWERING STERNO

"Towering Sterno" is a real scorcher!

Robert Jacoby  
Wickliffe, Ohio

De Bartolo can be mean as kerosene. He fought fire with a fired-up script!

Kathy Quail  
Waretown, N.J.

Irwin Allen's production was no match next to those supreme arsonists, De Bartolo and Drucker!

Connie Kramer  
Birmingham, Mich.

Great balls of fire! "Towering Sterno" got me all hot and bothered!

Karen Dalton  
Caldwell, N.J.

A blazing success! Thanks for putting it out!

Janice Ford  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

After I finished reading it, I set the article on fire. The flames spread to "Cheeko And The Ham." Some kind of poetic justice?

Scott Kafka  
Flushing, N.Y.

### SMOKER VS. NON-SMOKER DEVICES

Jaffee's "Devices For Smoker Vs. Non-Smoker Problems" intrigued me. I installed his Ceiling Grid & Attic Blower Exhaust System and his Floor Grid & Cellar Blower Exhaust System in the same room. I gave a party, turned on both systems full blast and all my guests' clothes were sucked off. Funny, they all forgot about smoking, immediately. Thanks, Al Jaffee!

Michael Koefoed  
Vitum, Denmark



### Warning: Jaffee's Determined To Be Dangerous To Smokers!

There must be a lot of greedy and gullible people descending on the Patent Office with the plans of Al Jaffee's very convincing devices!

Terry Shimmius  
Beloit, Wisc.

Al Jaffee seems to have "exhausted" every method of countering smokers.

El Elam  
N. Augusta, S.C.

### HOW MANY MISTAKES CAN YOU FIND?

In "How Many Mistakes Can You Find In This Picture?" I caught another glaring mistake. Mainly, you assigned it to the right artist! George Woodbridge organized a delightful street scene on all levels!

Tom Dunn, Jr.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Regarding "How Many Mistakes...?" by Jacobs and Woodbridge: (26) Construction workers working past 4 o'clock, (27) Cord on the pay-phone is long enough to allow a breath of air outside the "hot-box."

Eddie Faust  
Thibodaux, La.

(26) All cars are clean of bird droppings.

(27) The bus stopped at a bus stop.

Dave Siersma  
Ferndale, Mich.

Another mistake is that the man cleaning up the collie's mess is using a dustpan instead of a MAD Magazine.

Jeff Wagner  
Rosemead, Calif.

### A MAD LOOK AT SUPER HEROES

I laughed so hard at Sergio Aragonés's "A MAD Look At Super Heroes," I completely forgot in which phone booth I made my costume change!

Eduardo Sevilla  
Alexandria, Va.

Sergio really brought those Super Guys down to earth!

Jerry King  
Keiso, Wash.

### MAD X-RAYVINGS

I'll bet an "X-RAYing" of the MAD Office wouldn't be revealing. Your insanity is already out in the open!

Mike Dauphin  
Arabi, La.

### YOUNG SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

In studying Jack Davis's art for "Young Sports Illustrated," I noticed that he had home plate drawn the wrong way around. Nostalgia dragged me back to MAD (Comics) #2 and Davis's lead story "Hex." Once more, there's home plate with the pointy side out. Could it be that Jack Davis is a great cartoonist but a lousy baseball fan?

Mike Anderson  
London, Ont.  
Canada



Davis was slated to pitch for our MAD Softball Team. After receiving your info, we changed plans. We were afraid he'd take the mound and face the outfield!—Ed.

Those monstrous fathers who force their kids to play for praise... or humiliation! I put them on a par with those monstrous mothers who shove their kids out on the professional stage to satisfy their own ambitions!

Shirley Probert  
San Marino, Calif.

"Young Sports Illustrated" was a grand slammer! Davis and Koch take the pennant!

Evan Marcus  
Riveredge, N.J.

### THE MODERN-DAY CARPETBAGGERS

Your trick photographers must have worked overtime on your back cover gem, "The Modern-Day Carpetbaggers"! I don't mean the smug sheiks soaring over the skyline on American currency, though that is an excellent blend job. I mean the trick of making the New York City sky appear as though it's actually blue!

Dan McCauley  
Cambria, Calif.

### POSTING A REWARD?

Do you give anything to people who have their letters published in your magazine?

Bob Weaver  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Yes, valuable space!—Ed.

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OVER-BRICED SCHMALTZ DEPT.

Everyone loved "Funny Girl"...right? Right! And we couldn't wait for the sequel ... right? Right! And the sequel would be better than the original ... right? Not so fast, Movie-Goers!! As a Public Service, MAD compresses three dull hours of movie into seven dull pages of article with our version of ...

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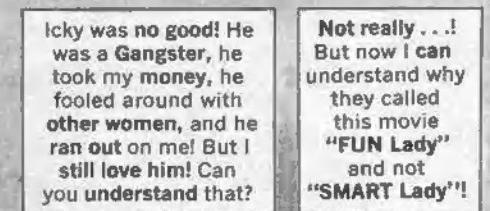
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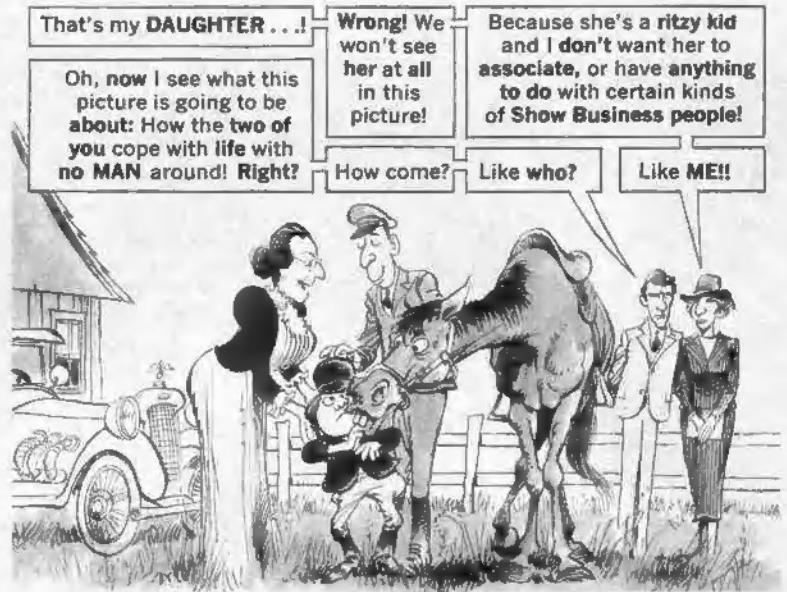
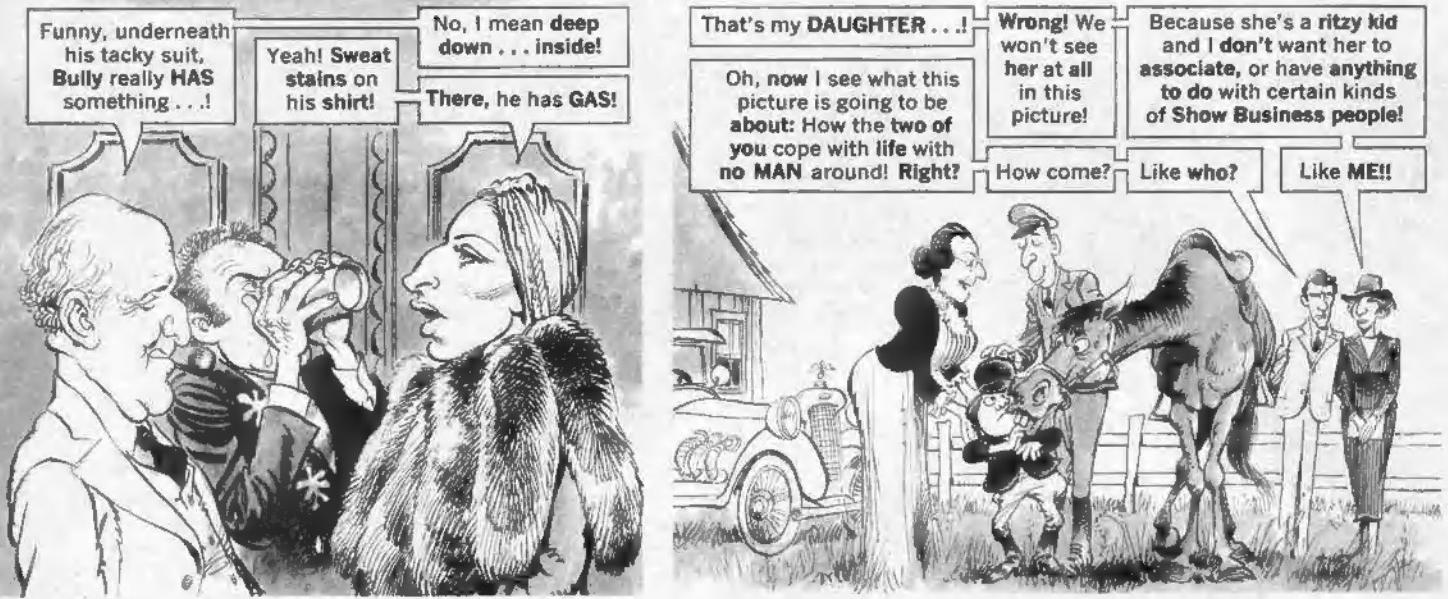




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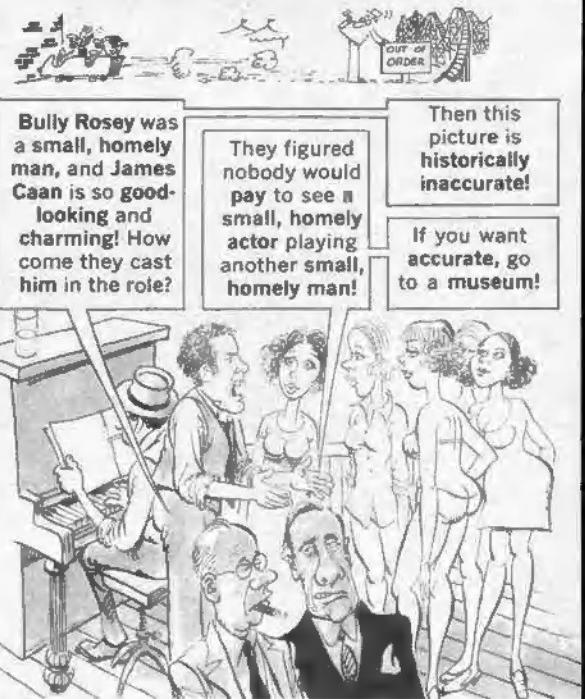




So you DID sign to do the show! Did you read the small print in the contract?

It was ALL small print! It said something about me doing "In Person" publicity for the show!

You should have read the contract!



This show is over-produced!

Nonsense! It's an audience grabber!

All that, just for the first act! What can you possibly do to top it for the second act?

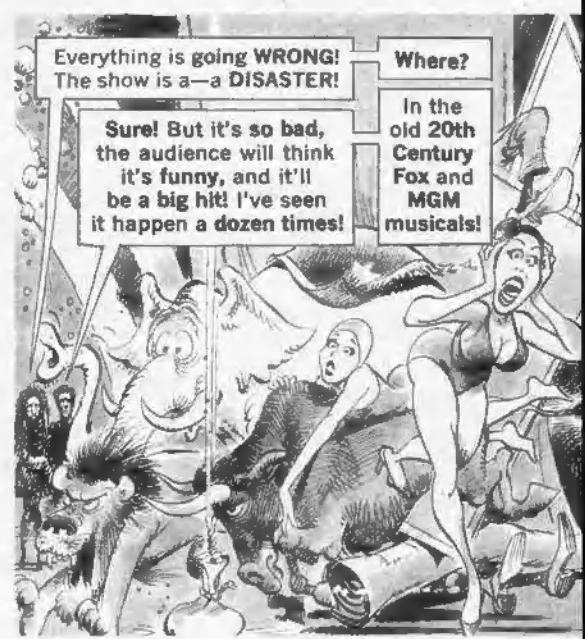
And who are you going to sacrifice?

Forget it, Buster!

Boy, you're some trouper! When the going gets rough, you decide to get temperamental!

Read your contract!

I've got a great idea! A Show Biz first! A human sacrifice ... right here on the stage!



Funny ... are you asleep? Can I come in . . . ?

Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-

Well, she didn't say "No!"

Yaah! Help, Police . . . !

Stop that! You don't hear ME screaming, do you?

Why should YOU scream?

Did you ever see what you look like when you wake up???

What do you want?

You were right! The show was all wrong! I'll make any changes you want if you'll only stay in III

Okay! It's a deal! And the first change is . . .

Get yourself a new publicity gimmick!!



Marry me, Funny . . . !

Get out! You're a slob! You go around picking your nose all the time!

But we'd make a great team! It'd be Heaven! Just think . . . my pinky . . . and your nose!!

Oh, my God! I think I see Icky Armstein out there!

That's amazing! You mean, that he'd come here to see me . . . ?

No . . . that you can see him in a totally dark theater!

That's easy! All you have to do is look for those big limpid bloodshot eyes! They shine in the dark!!



Hello, Funny!

It's been a long, long time, Funny! In all these years, the world has changed! I was wondering if YOU'VE changed, too!

Hello, Icky!

Have I? No! But you can't win 'em all!!



Funny . . . before we resume our torrid love affair, I must tell you something!

That you're sorry?

No . . . that I'm married!

Oh . . .

Is that all?! You just learned that the man you loved and yearned for all these years is married! Can't you say anything else but "Oh . . . "?

How's "Mazel tov"!?

That's better!



If I can't have Icky, then I'll just have to settle for Bully!

Somehow, I really can't feel sorry for her!

Yeah! James Caan should happen to ME!

So you're Mr. Briss!

He didn't mean anything by that, Mr. Briss . . . !

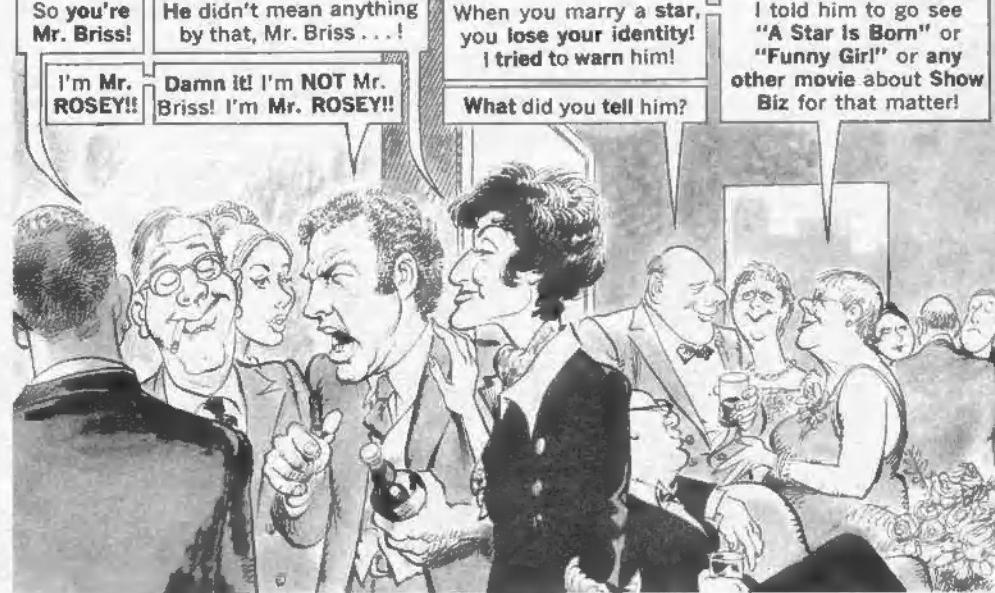
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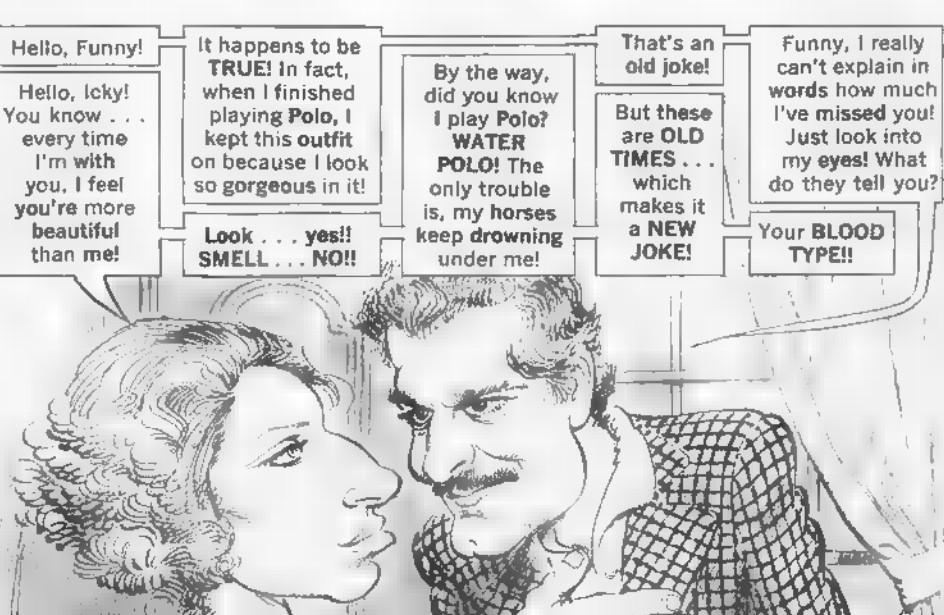
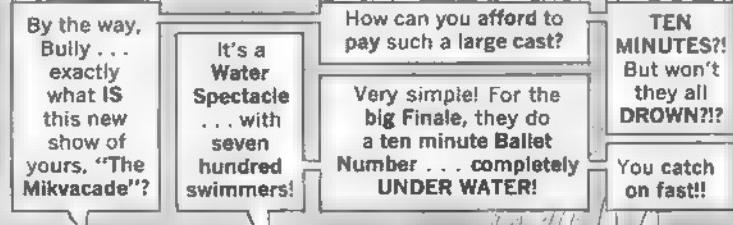
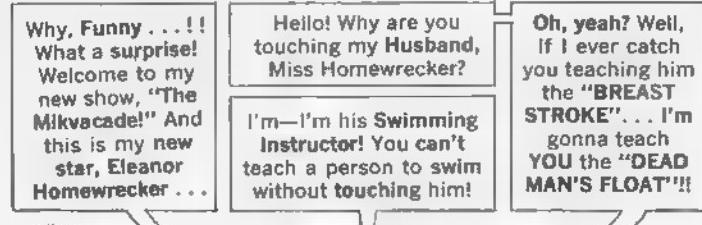
Damn it! I'm NOT Mr. Briss! I'm Mr. ROSEY!!

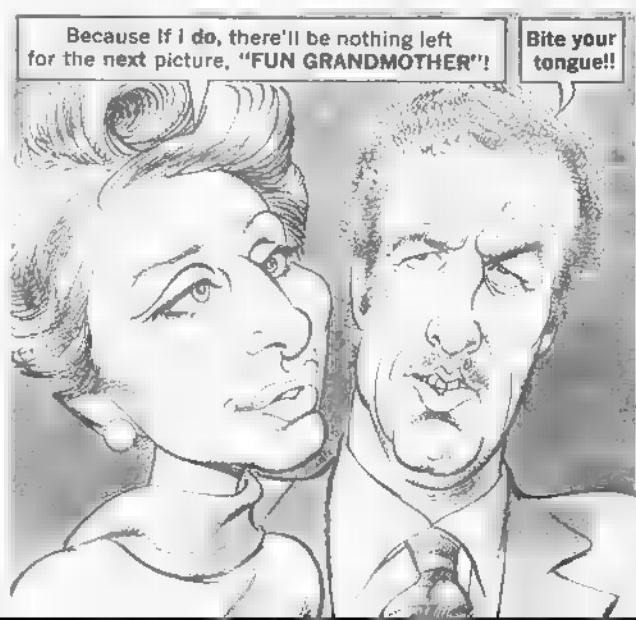
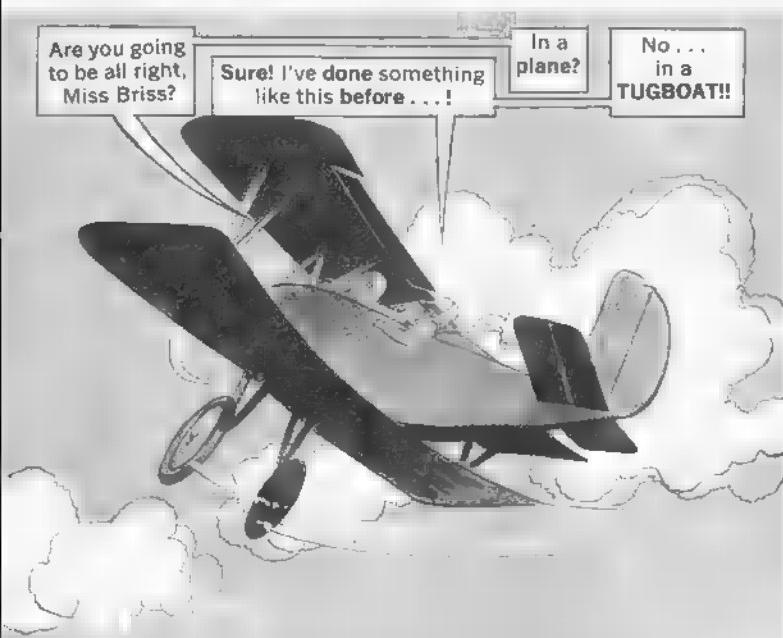
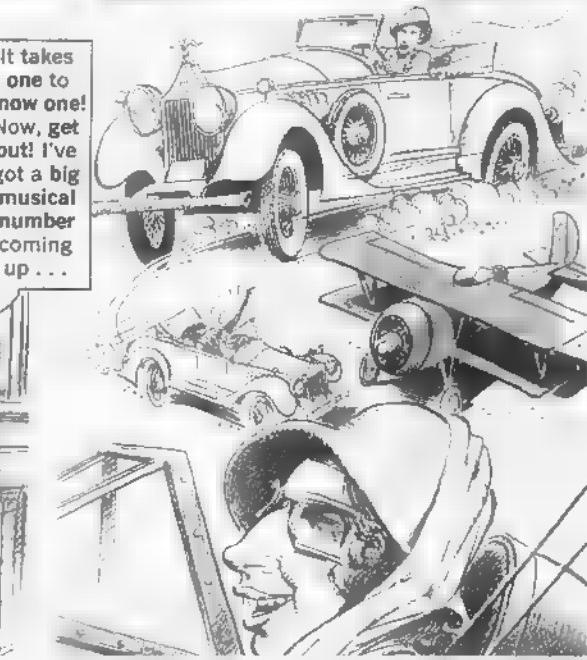
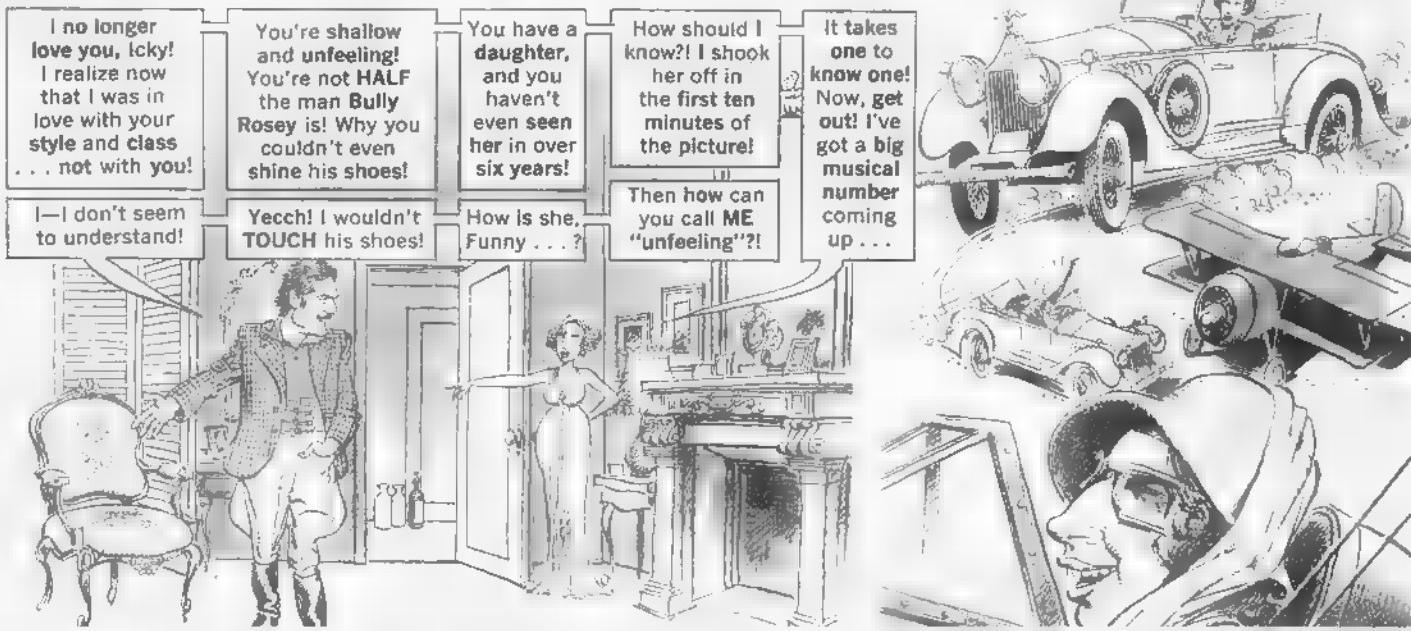
When you marry a star, you lose your identity!  
I tried to warn him!

What did you tell him?

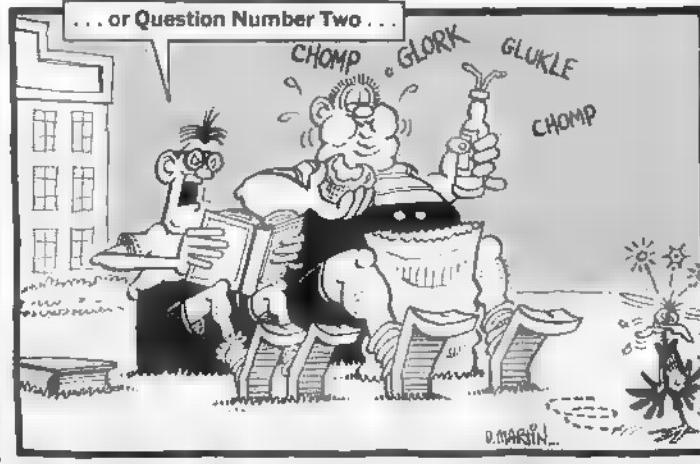
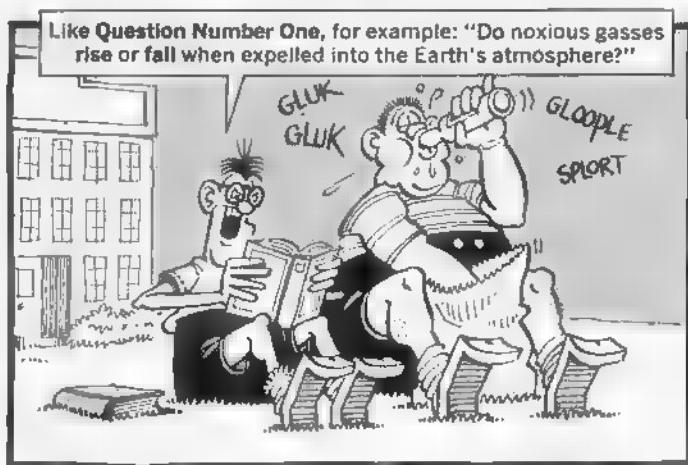
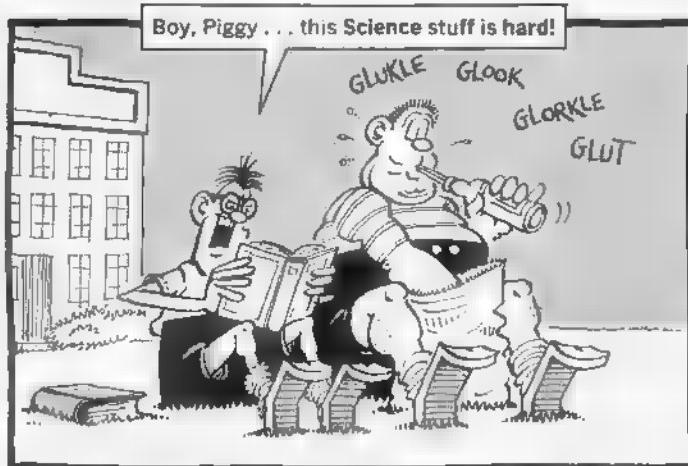
I told him to go see "A Star Is Born" or "Funny Girl" or any other movie about Show Biz for that matter!







# ONE FINE DAY DURING LUNCH PERIOD





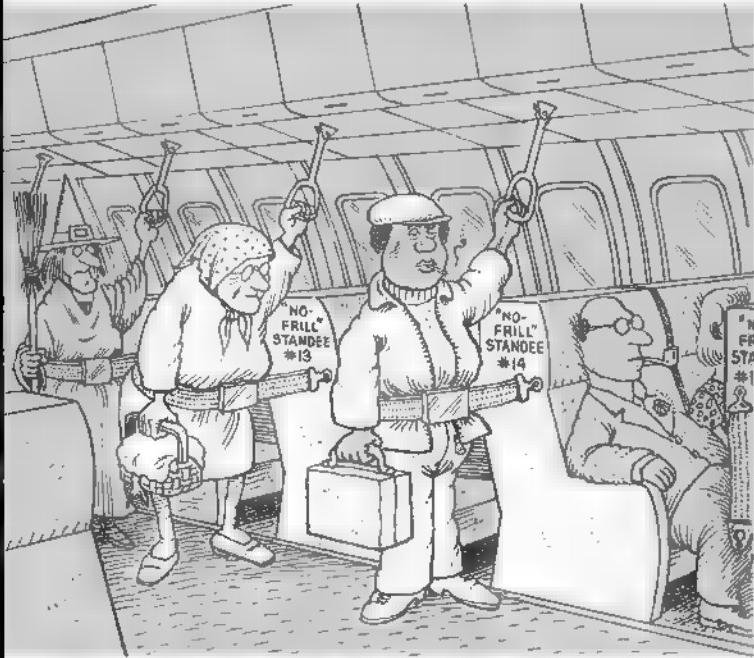
#### VENAL FLY TRAPS DEPT.

The Airline Industry is in serious financial trouble. Because of inflation, operating costs, such as fuel, food, personnel and fancy services, have skyrocketed. However, because of the recession, it is no longer possible to pass these increases on to the passengers. And so, in order to make air travel cheaper and

# FUTURE "NO-FRILLS AIRLINES"

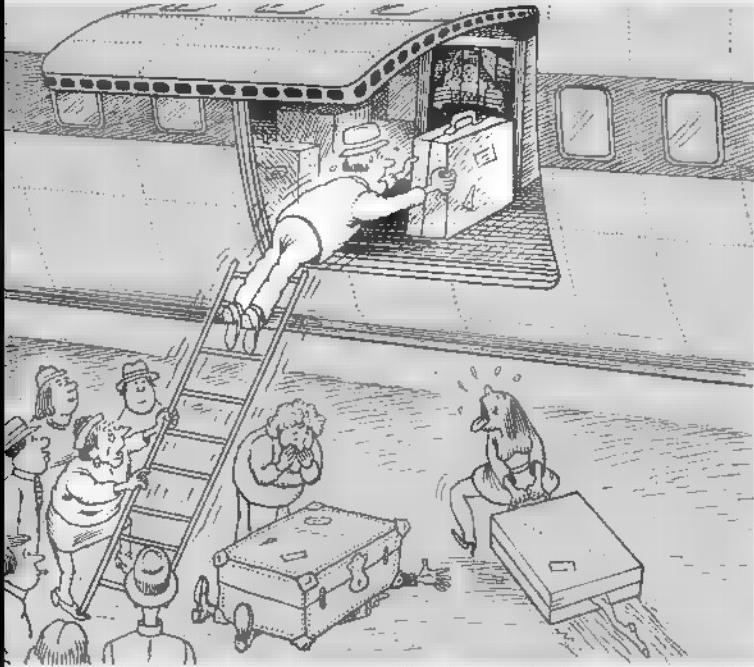
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#### "FRILL-FREE" STANDING ROOM PASSENGERS



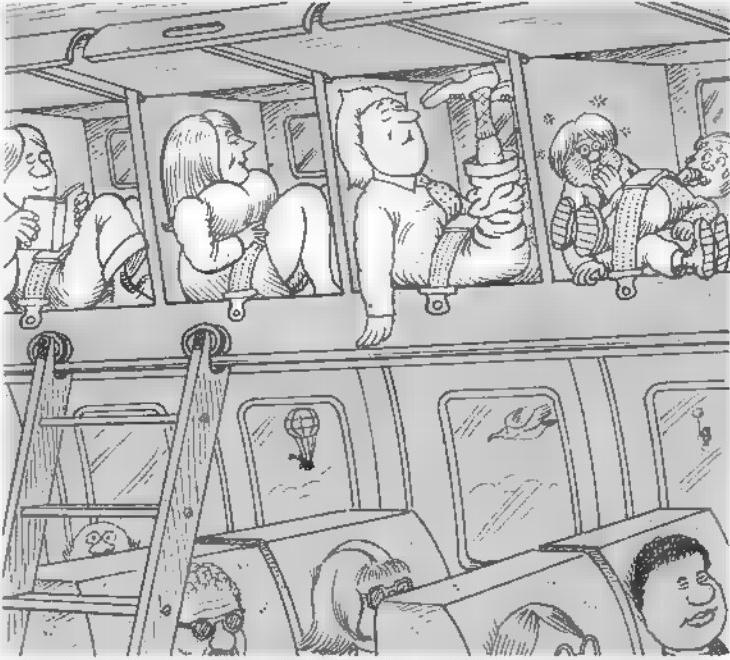
Cost-conscious travelers will be offered "No-Frills Standee Accommodations" which consists of flying erect from point to point securely tucked into their Standing Room Safety Belts.

#### "FRILL-FREE" BAGGAGE HANDLING



All "Frill-Free" passengers will be required to store their own luggage aboard the aircraft before flight, and will also be required to retrieve it upon arrival at destination.

#### "FRILL-FREE" OVERHEAD RACK PASSENGERS



Overhead Rack space will be made available to passengers who do not care to stand coast-to-coast, and will happily settle for the cramped "No-Frills Individual Cubicle Accommodations."

#### "FRILL-FREE" TOILET ACCOMMODATIONS



Fancy Johns with free goodies like soap and French perfume will be out for "Frill-Free" passengers. One "Pay Toilet" with "Coin-Operated Necessity-Dispenser" will be available.

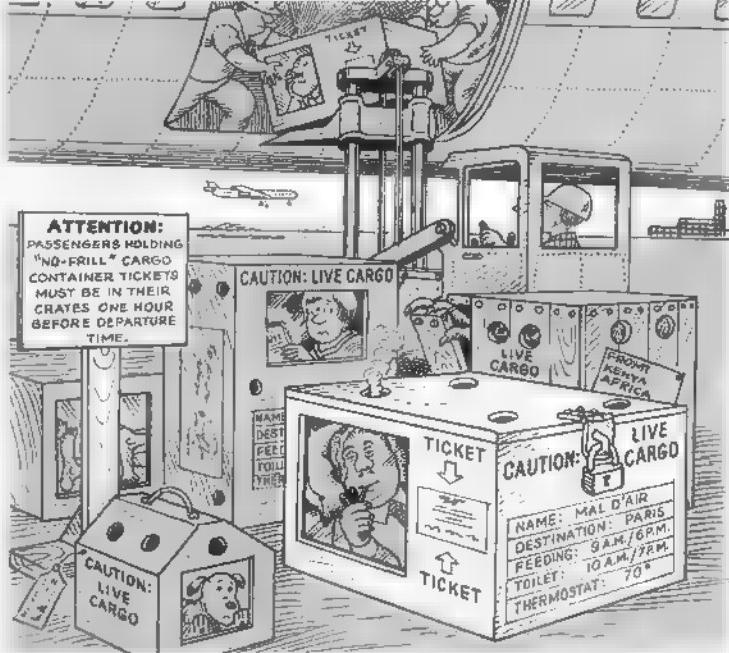
thus attractive to more people, something called "No-Frills Flying" has been introduced. This plan offers lower fares for a more austere type of air travel in which some of the fancy services such as "meals" have been eliminated. If the economic crunch continues and the idea catches on, we may soon be seeing these...



# AIR TRAVEL" GIMMICKS

WRITTEN BY: DICK DE BARTOLO & AL JAFFEE

## "FRILL-FREE" CARGO CONTAINER PASSENGERS



Most economical of all money-saving plans will make use of Cargo Container Holds, where the budget-minded air traveler will be offered "No-Frills Individual Crate Accommodations."

## "FRILL-FREE" EATING ACCOMMODATIONS



Since costly gourmet meals will be eliminated, a "Frill-Free Snack Bar" will be installed for use by "Frill Free" passengers. Unfortunately, Snack Bar will only seat two at a time.

## "FRILL-FREE" ROUGH RIDE TREATMENT



Common Air Sickness Trough for "No-Frills" passengers will eliminate need for expensive Individual Air Sickness Bags, and will also eliminate cost of removing used (euch) bags.

## "FRILL-FREE" EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT



Airlines now provide costly Life Vests and Emergency Oxygen equipment. "Frill-Free" passengers will be satisfied with simple-to-understand Swimming Instructions and an Air Tube.



# IN ADDITION TO "FUTURE 'NO-FRILLS' AIR TRAVEL G HOW AIRLINES CAN INCREA

## INTERCHANGEABLE PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION EQUIPMENT



Obviously airlines lose plenty when 6 people fly jets that normally seat 365 and require crews of 18. With this new

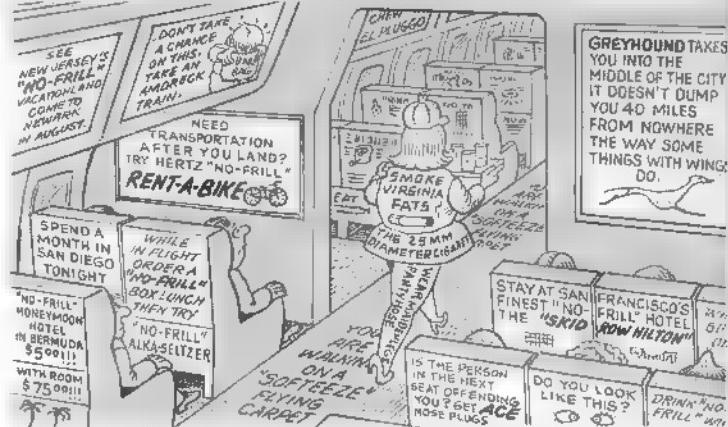
system, airlines will only use the equipment necessary to accommodate the exact number of passengers that show up.

### FRANCHISED PASSENGER SERVICES



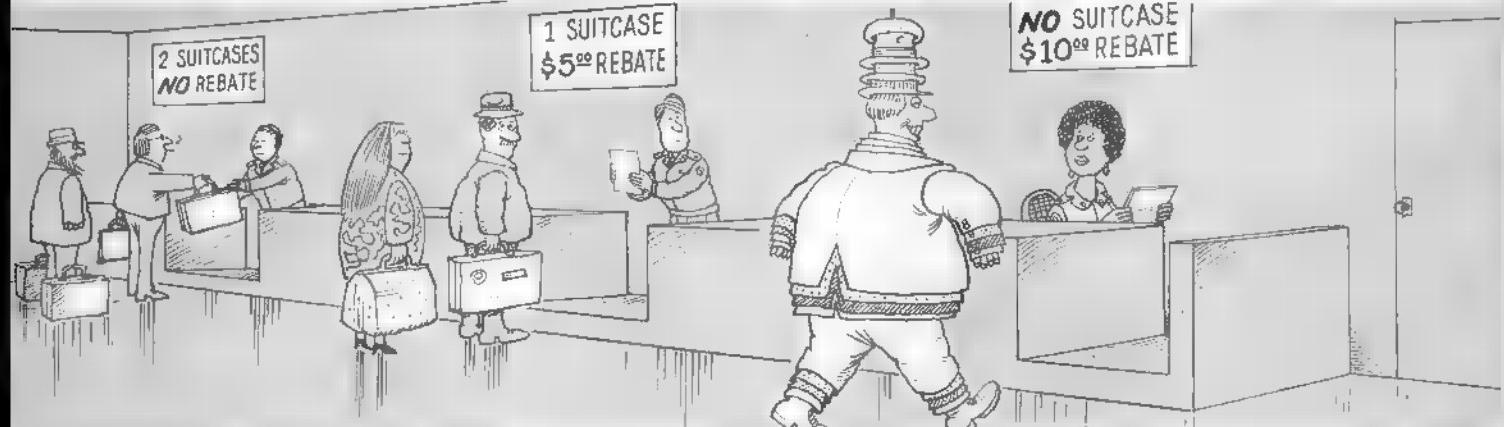
Airlines can save millions by eliminating all free meals, and then earn additional revenues by selling franchises to Concessionaires who would supply passengers with food.

### SALES OF INTERIOR AD SPACES



Eliminating free newspapers and magazines would save money, and then the airlines can earn additional income by selling spaces for ads...which bored passengers will eagerly read.

### REBATE PLANS TO ELIMINATE EXCESS BAGGAGE WEIGHT



Since modern jet planes consume costly fuel in direct proportion to the amount of weight on board, the elimination

of excess baggage would mean substantial savings. A system of "No Bag" or "One Bag" rebates could prove very effective.

# "IMICKS", HERE ARE SOME OTHER MAD IDEAS ON... SE REVENUES AND PROFITS

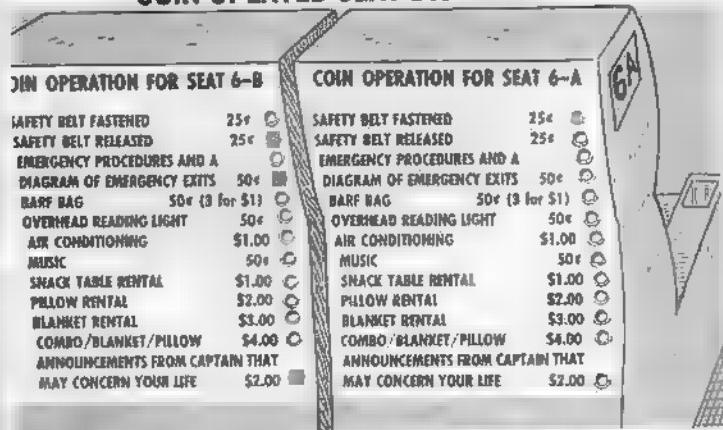
## RENTAL OR LEASING OF VALUABLE BOARDING APRON SPACE



To raise additional revenue valuable runway boarding space can be rented to Concessionaires who will sell everything

from local souvenirs to fake photos of "No-Frill" passengers sitting in what looks like the First Class Section on board.

### COIN-OPERATED SEAT DISPENSERS



Airlines can generate huge revenues by charging for all the services that are now supplied free. A coin operated seat-dispenser will give passenger his choice--for a slight fee.

### SELF-SERVICE TICKETING RAMPS



Eliminating "Ticket Office" and "Reservation" personnel can effect huge savings. One way airlines can accomplish this is to introduce "Pay-As-You-Enter" ramp-systems for all flights.

### "FLY-BY-WEIGHT" FARES TO COVER RISING FUEL COSTS



Another effective method of passing on rising jet fuel costs is to institute a "Fly-By-Weight" system in which all of the

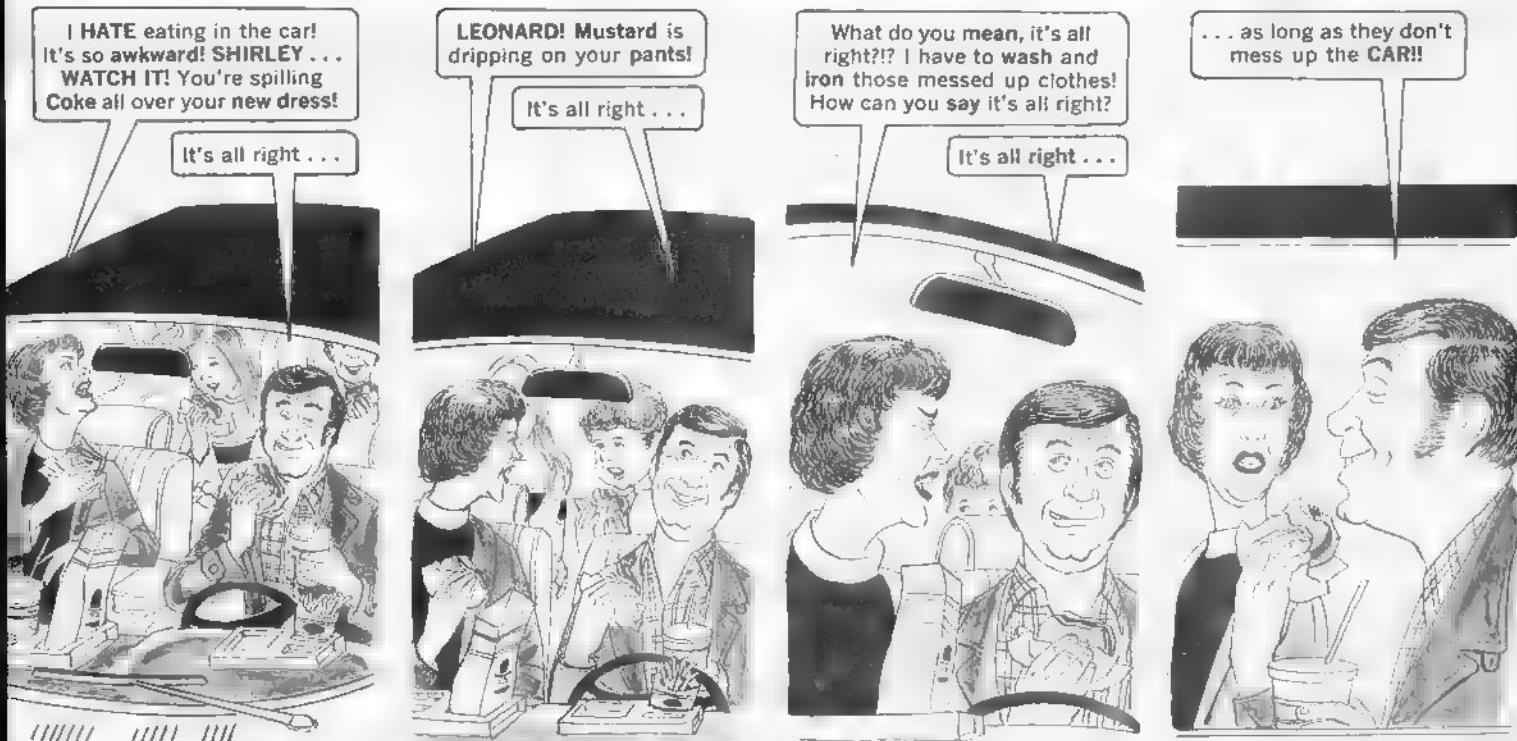
fat, overweight slobs would be forced to pay their fair share of flying expenses in relation to all the skinny light slobs.



BERG'S EYE-VIEW DEPT.

**THE  
LIGHTER  
SIDE OF...**

# The FAST





What's bad about these "Fast-Food" places is the system! The burgers are already made up, wrapped and being kept warm! That's why I ask for a "Special Order"! Then, I'm sure the burger I get is fresh!

One burger . . . hold the pickles and the lettuce!  
One "Special"!  
Comin' up!

Boy, I hate "Special Orders"! Now I gotta unwrap a burger, open it up, and remove the pickles and the lettuce . . .

Here's your "Special" Sir!  
See? There's always a way to beat the system!



# FOOD Craze

ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

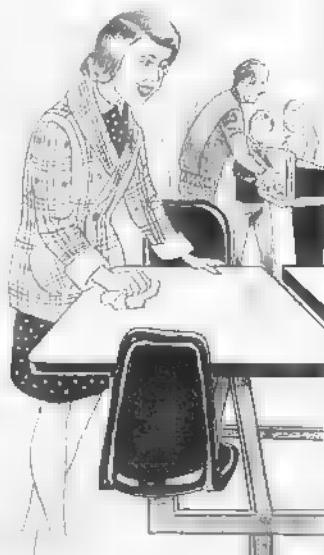
Is everybody finished? Okay, let's all clean up this mess!

Oh-oh! The "Cleanliness Nut" is at it again!

I just don't want anyone to say, "Whoever sat here sure was a pig!" So everybody . . . start picking up things and throwing them in the can!

There! That's better! Now, we can leave . . .

Boy! Whoever cleaned up here sure was a pig!!



This was a great idea, copying the "Arthur Treacher's Fish And Chips" TV Commercial . . . inviting my girl to dinner, going out and buying the ready-made stuff and making out like I'm preparing ■ here in the kitchen!

It's all ready!

Gee, Anthony! You're so multi-faceted! You're even a CHEF!

Well, how do you like it!

Mmmmm! Absolutely delicious!

It's almost as good as "Arthur Treacher's Fish And Chips"!!



Hello, "Pizza Palace"? I got a terrible emergency! A crowd of unexpected, starving people just arrived and I need two king-size pies! Do they take long to make?

Good! But don't you have to heat them up?

Dat takes five minutes!

Great! The order goes to Roger Kaputnik, Apt. 3-B, 44 Davenport Avenue! How soon can you deliver . . . ?

Dat takes TWO HOURS!



I'm too bushed to cook tonight! Mind if we call one of those Chicken Places that deliver? I've got the menus for the two in our neighborhood . . .

Well, okay! What have they got?

**CHICKEN DELIVER** has ". . . Three Pieces of Chicken, French Fries, ■ Bun and Cole Slaw . . . \$2.00"!

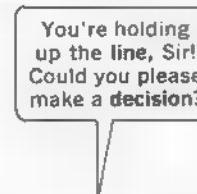
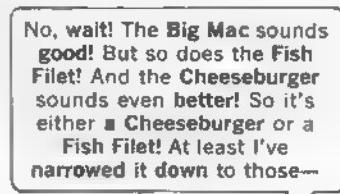
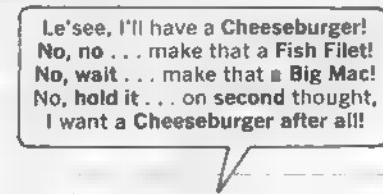
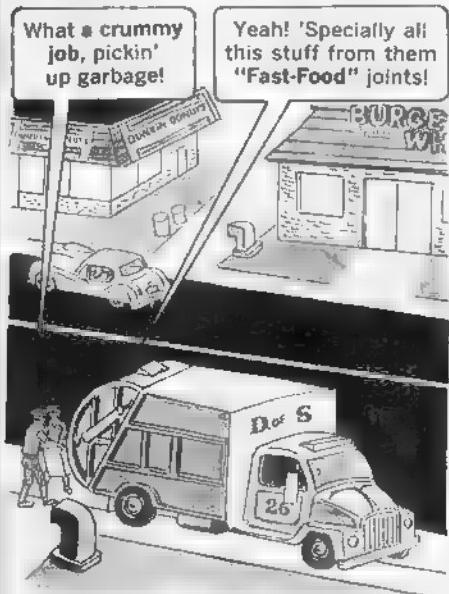
What's the difference?

Not much!

For FIFTY CENTS MORE, you get all those ADJECTIVES!

And **QUICK CHICK** has ". . . Three Huge Sections of Fancy Maine-Grown Chicken, dipped in luscious Bread Crumbs and fried to Crusty Perfection plus Idaho Potatoes browned in Golden Corn Oil with a Fluffy Bun and a Tasty Serving of Delicious Cole Slaw . . . \$2.50"!





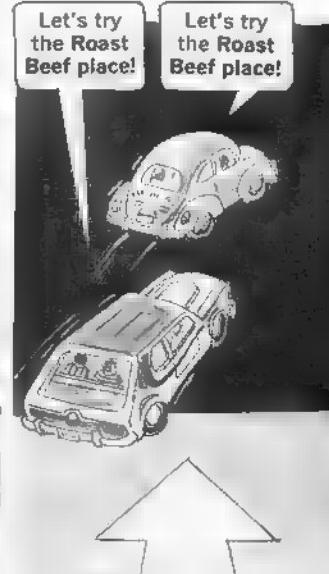
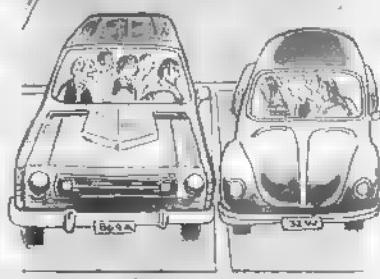
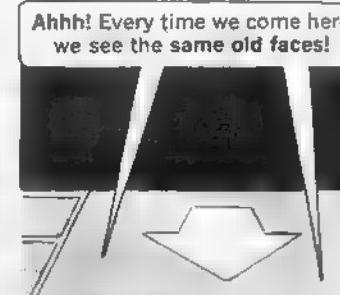
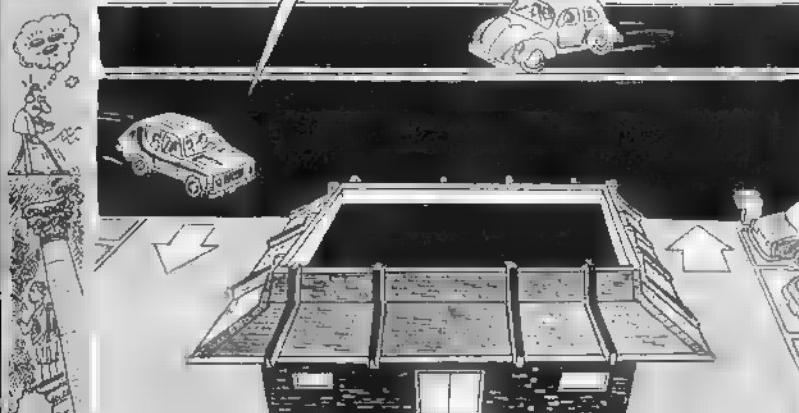
Let's stop at the Burger Place  
and see if we can meet any girls!

Let's stop at the Burger Place  
and see if we can meet any boys!

Ahhh! Every time we come here  
we see the same old faces!

Let's try  
the Roast  
Beef place!

Let's try  
the Roast  
Beef place!



Look at those animals! They have absolutely no manners! They just sit there . . . licking their fingers like a bunch of slob!



Yeah!! Ain't ■ GREAT?!!



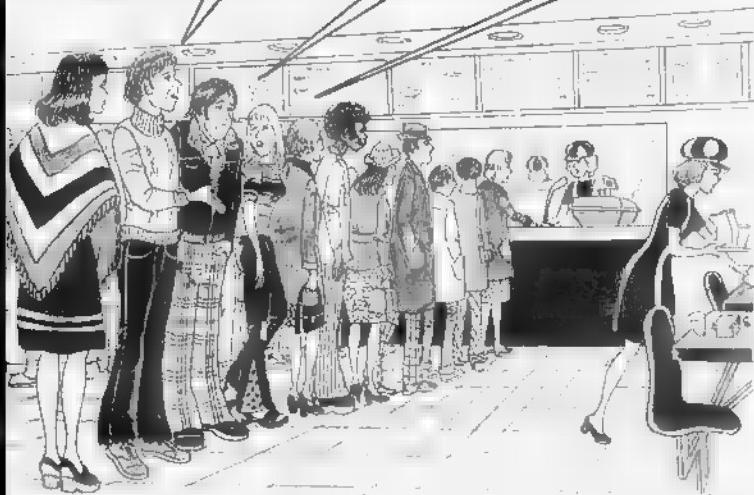
COL. SANDERS  
KENTUCKY  
FRIED  
CHICKEN  
"It's  
finger-lickin'  
good!"



Boy, they're sure busy tonight! What are you getting?

I dunno!  
I'm not hungry!

Then what are you waiting on line for???



By the time I get to the counter, I'll be FAMISHED!!



What's THIS?! You've got a drawer full of straws, paper napkins, tin foil packets of catsup and mustard, and two million envelopes of sugar!

I know! I can't resist anything that's FREE! So I help myself to a batch whenever I stop at one of those "Fast-Food" places!



Just because you EAT something doesn't entitle you to all the freebees you can carry! That's MOOCHING!!

It's NOT mooching . . .

. . . it's STEALING!!

I wouldn't EAT at one of those places if you paid me a million bucks!



## SPLIT-LEVITY DEPT.

Take a good look at the newsstand you swiped this magazine from. See all the magazines? There's one for the single man, the single woman, the married man, the married woman, the businessman, the hobbyist, the smart kid and the slow kid (You're reading it now!). Yep, there's ■ magazine for everyone . . . almost! How about the millions of men and women who've been DIVORCED? And how about their kids? Don't they deserve a magazine, too? No? Well, here it is anyway!

# BROKEN HOMES AND GARDENS



The Magazine For Divorced Parents And Their Traumatized Kids.

### A MOTHER AND FATHER ADMIT:

"We're Not Getting Divorced Because of the Kids—Neither of Us Wants Them!"



### A DIVORCED DOCTOR'S SON LAMENTS:

"The One Thing I Miss Most Are Those Heart-To-Heart Talks . . . With My Father's Answering Service!"

### TIPS FOR DIVORCED WOMEN:

75 Ways To STOP Economizing Now That You're On Alimony!

### A BEVERLY HILLS 8-YEAR-OLD REPORTS:

"I was ashamed of being different from all my friends until my parents got divorced too!"

### A MOVIE STAR'S CHILD REVEALS:

"I'm going broke buying presents for all my fathers on Father's Day!"



THIS MONTH ■ SOUL SEARCHING FEATURE:  
"Was I Responsible For My Parents Divorce—  
Or Am I Just Bragging!?!"

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## PERSONAL

Doris, please come back! I know I wasn't a success at being a husband, but I'm even less of a success at being an ex-husband! Just like our marriage, our divorce isn't working, either. I can't seem to do anything right.—Sheldon

Gals, don't throw out those "His" and "Hers" towels. Let *Phase-Out* do its thing, which is mainly custom embroidery. We can make it "Hers" and "Hers"...or, if you're a swinger, "Hers" and "To Whom It May Concern." We have lots of other swell ideas. *Phase-Out, Inc.* Splitsville, Nev.

Don't be a 97 lb. weakling! Build up your body so big bullies won't kick sand in your face. And wait until the girls see your he-man physique. What is this ad doing in this magazine? Who knows? We advertise in every magazine! You'd be surprised at the results we get from "Insect Illustrated." Write Charles Hercules, Muscle Beach, Ohio.

## SERVICES

Bug your hubby! Get the evidence you need for a fat divorce settlement by bugging his office, his car, or his secretary's apartment. Only don't really bug—it's too expensive! Just let him think you did by confronting him with our time-tested, never-fail "sorditapes." Some tapes have erasures, lapses, and interference sounds, but that only adds to the authenticity and credibility. *Rosemary Tape Service, Haldeman, S.C.*

Let our professional shoppers show you the hundreds of fancy, overpriced stores you can take your girlfriend that you would never take your former wife! Dispel those rumors about being such a skinflint while making your ex *hail* when she hears what a sport you are! Call *Shopper's Ex-Change*, 555-7685

You preserved your graduation pictures! Your wedding pictures! Why not your divorce pictures? Reminisce with full-color, candid shots of the two of you arguing, how she looked in the mornings, the way he left his socks and underwear on the floor to be picked up after him—all the wonderful reminders of why you got divorced so you won't have any of those foolish "Did I do the right thing?" second thoughts! Call *Super-Ex Film Co.*, 555-5867

## INFORMATIVE GUIDES

Kids! An absolutely essential booklet for you! "50 Mean, Rotten Things You Can Do To Your Father On Visitation Days!" Let's face it, your pop has a load of guilt feelings for leaving you and your mom, so why not cash in on them? This pamphlet shows you how. Send five bucks (tell your dad it's for a book that will help you do better in school now that you're failing all your subjects because of his leaving) and he'll fork it over pronto. That's Chapter One! The other 49 take it from there! *Rotten Kid Press, Bratwurst, Illinois*

# EDITORIAL PHILOSOPHY

**BROKEN HOMES AND GARDENS** feels a special obligation to those men and women who have suffered one of life's saddest tragedies—marriage... and to their children, who have suffered even more from the tragedy called "parenthood." Our purpose is to help guide all these sufferers into happier, more productive lives while making a little cash for ourselves. God knows we need it, what with the alimony, the rent on two apartments, etc. For it must be noted here that the information and advice contained in this magazine is not abstract but based on actual experiences!

The Editors have been through it all! Not one has lived through a successful marriage! We are as proud of our record as we are of our expertise on the subject.

The Editors

**DEAR ABIE**

**Letters from Splitsville, USA**

**DEAR ABIE:** Is infidelity a valid grounds for divorce? **S.A.**

**Dear S.A.** Only if your wife finds out about it!

**DEAR ABIE:** I am an attractive young woman and I am unhappy with my home life. I am thinking about a divorce. What I want to know is: How long after the separation is it correct to date? **C.B.**

**Dear C.B.** Don't wait until after the separation. I'll call you tonight!

**DEAR ABIE:** Do you think a marriage should be held together just for the sake of the children? My brother and I disagree. I think my parents should get a divorce, he doesn't. But perhaps that may be because he's younger than I—he's 49 and I'm 53. **F.R.**

**Dear F.R.** I think your parents should get a divorce as soon as you and your brother stop nursing!

**DEAR ABIE:** I am a football fanatic! All I do is watch, read, and talk football. My wife is so fed up and bored with me that she suggested wife-swapping with a neighbor. But I said only if he gave up a future draft choice. Was that a smart move? **N.M.**

**Dear N.M.** A smarter move would have been if your wife said nothing about it

and carried on as she pleased during the football season. You would never have known about it!

**DEAR ABIE:** I think it's disgraceful for a divorced father to pry, and make the children tell him about what I'm doing. Don't you agree? **J.L.**

**Dear J.L.** You wouldn't have known your ex was prying unless you asked them about him!

**DEAR ABIE:** I have a question about relationships. My mother, a divorcee with 9 kids, is going out with a divorced man with no kids and no responsibilities. I know she'll always be our mother, but if he marries her, what will that make him? **K.M.**

**Dear K.M.** A schmuck! He doesn't know when he's well off!

**DEAR ABIE:** I was a loving wife and catered to my husband's every little whim. I treated him like a king and his happiness was my only purpose in life. Then he ups and runs off with a young wench. Shouldn't he be ashamed of himself? **D.C.**

**Dear D.C.** Those phoney initials don't fool me. You're my ex-wife and you can go to Hell with your Pucci, Gucci, and Fuccil!

# KID STUFF

Each issue the Editors of BROKEN HOMES & GARDENS select one narrative from our younger readers for publication. There are no prizes for winners, since B H & G feels that just being listened to is reward enough for these youngsters!

## "If Only My Wish Could Come True"

by Milton Elnick, age 10

I know every child my age should be happy, but I'm not. Why? What else—my home life! My mother *pretends* she's interested in me, but she's not. She's always too busy for me, and only really likes me when I don't ask her anything or bother her when she's on the phone—where she always is! And when she's not, she's out, and I have to answer when some strange man asks "Is *hot lips* there?" and I know he doesn't mean my sister cause she's only 3½ and her lips are sticky and gooky.

The maid my mother leaves us with is always too drunk to answer the phone, which isn't too bad because she's also too drunk to aim good when she tries to hit me! Now for my father. I never see him much, even though he keeps promising he's going to take me to a ball game or something and never does. One time I tried to surprise him by visiting his office but I only got him angry for scaring his secretary right out of his chair. You would think a ritzy place with all those drapes and things could afford two chairs so my father wouldn't have to share his!

Maybe he's just *acting* poor to get my sympathy and not have to give my mother money when she asks for it, which she always does. That's all they ever talk about. Or actually, scream about. But that's only when my father comes around, which isn't too much.

Now for my wish. I really wish that my mother and father would get a *divorce!* You see, if they got divorced, then maybe

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BROKEN HOMES & GARDENS  
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ending series: This Month:

# VISITATION DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TYPICAL BROKEN-HOMER



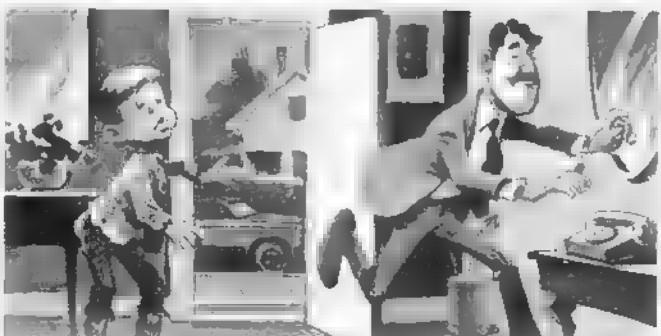
At 8 O'clock on a Sunday morning, as Melvin Gournish dreams his happy, un-true-to-life dreams, his mother barges in and shouts in his ear "Your S.O.B. father is coming today, so get dressed!" Mrs. Gournish is under great strain when her ex comes, and as a typical mother, passes the tensions right on to her child.



To substantiate her claim that Mr. Gournish isn't giving her enough money for child support, Mrs. Gournish dresses Melvin as shabbily as she can. A final rip to the shirt gives her the *nouveau poore* look she wants.



Mrs. Gournish leaves before her ex arrives, instructing Melvin to "lay it on thick" how she's out scrubbing floors for extra money. Melvin ponders the problem of whether her furs get in the way of her floor-scrubbing.



Minutes after his mother disappears in her Mercedes, Melvin's father runs up the front walk. Anxious to see Melvin? No, anxious to see if his answering service received any messages from a stewardess he just met.



Since he hasn't seen Melvin all week, Mr. Gournish tries to strike up a conversation by asking, "How's school?" Melvin answers "Fine" in an attempt to keep the conversation going, but it's downhill from there on.



Going to the local amusement park for the afternoon is a special delight. Not to Mel, but to his father who tries to pick up all the divorced women who have also brought their children for an afternoon of fun.



At poolside of his luxury apartment, Mr. Gournish tells his son how lonely he is since he left his loved ones. Melvin feels sorry, but knows his father will be with his loved ones as soon as Melvin goes home.

# IS LONELINESS GETTING YOU DOWN? LET "RECORDO-MESS" PICK YOU UP!



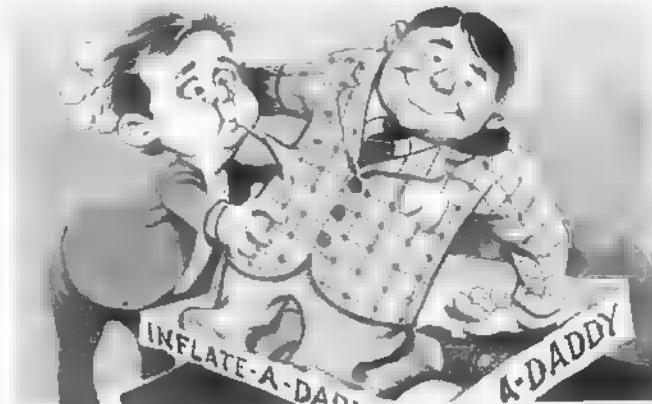
We know that a divorced person often gets lonely and starts to think, "Did I do the right thing?" Well, you did! And to get you through those difficult times of indecision, **Recordo-Mess** is your answer. Just put one of our L.P.s on your phono, and listen to a woman's voice say "You never take me anywhere!" or "I could have married any boy in town and I had to choose you!" or "If your mother was such a good cook, why didn't you marry her? Within minutes of listening to such verbal karate chops, you'll be convinced that your divorce was the right move!

We also feature a complete line of favorites for the ladies—just like the rotten things your husband used to say! Send for our free catalogue now!

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## THE SPLIT SCENE

Do-ings and Don't-ings of EX Rated People  
by Al E. Monie

Hi, guys and gals in your separate maintainences, let's get right to the nitty-gritty, shall we? . . . Didja hear about 7-year old Donny La Londe causing his parents' splitsy? Seems that Donny's daddy was going on a business trip and he told the moppet, "When I'm gone, you're the man of the house!" to which Donny replied, "Are you kidding? When you're gone there's plenty of men around!" The La Londes have a date in court in November.

Zsa Zsa is at it again, claiming on the Merv Griff Show that she's been married 6 times. That's Hungarian goulash! The truth is she's only been married 5 times—husbands 2 and 5 were the same guy—and that doesn't count . . . Hear about Morris Nitchke's classic boo-boo last month? Seems his wife went home to Denver for a few months, had a nose job, teeth capped, and face lifted. She thought she'd surprise Morris the day she returned by meeting him in his favorite lunch cafe. She surprised him alright—poor Morris didn't recognize her and came on strong with the "my wife doesn't understand me" routine. She does now—to the tune of \$1,000 per month alimony!



During their recent divorce settlement, Bobby and Boobie Bednarick proved to be a very civilized couple. They agreed to split everything they owned right down the middle. And Boobie did just that, with a bulldozer!

Pity poor Gerry Timberlake and his missus. They were shocked to find their daughter is living with a guy whom she has no intention of marrying or divorcing. They were so upset, they had to cancel 4 wife-swapping parties they had scheduled over the Christmas holidays . . . As of this writing Zsa Zsa's still married to 5/6th . . . Reports from Wrinkle City show that more and more senior citizens are getting divorced. Take Armand Grier and Gretchen, his wife of 45 years. Sez Armand, "Until I retired this year, everything was fine. But after I retired and spent time at home, I discovered Gretchen couldn't speak a word of English. You learn a lot about a person when you stay home. So I dumped her. Who needs an old, foreign broad?"

Just heard that Zsa Zsa and her hubby split! Welcome back, Zsa Zsa . . . New statistics show that three out of every four marriages in the U.S. end in divorces. It's a frightening statistic—since it proves that one couple out of four are still living unhappily . . . Well, that's about it for this month . . . hold everything . . . Zsa Zsa just married her 6/7th . . . and so it goes . . .

# EXTRA-MARITAL BLITZ

## Faces and Places Around Divorceville, U.S.A.



When Gunner Iso was divorced, she worried if she would be popular. She has no worries, men are always flocking around her at parties. But her friends are worried . . . since it's *their husbands* who are doing the flocking.

Nick Gatewood is seen here celebrating his third month of being a divorced man. Nick doesn't really know he's divorced and won't realize his wife left him until after the Super Bowl Game in January.



Tina Robustelli is a new woman these days. After her divorce, she was forced to get a job, but now she loves working. "Getting rid of my husband and getting rid of the household hum-drum has given me new life!", Tina says. "Now if I can only get rid of all those dumb kids, I'd really be fulfilled!"



Howie and Sheila Carr felt too tied down by marriage. Each wanted to have an affair with an unmarried partner, but they still loved each other. Their solution worked out just fine—they got divorced, and are now having the greatest clandestine affair in Hewlett, Long Island.



For sheer chic, Norman and Pat Wheelright take the prize with their catered divorce. In addition to serving vintage champagne, they displayed a life-size likeness of the "correspondent" moulded in chopped liver.



The record for the fastest divorce was set by Jo and Don Looney last month. At their wedding, the best man became too involved with his "first kiss" privileges. "I've got nothing against them kissing, but what I saw was raw, naked passion between those two," Jo stated as she watched the best man kiss her new husband.

### T'ROW DE BUM OUT! DEPT.

Hello, out there! Welcome to Dry Talk Country! (That's a little local New York joke!) I'm **George Slimton!** As you all know, I've done some really dangerous and foolhardy things in my time . . . like scrimmaging against ■ pro football team, and stepping into a ring with ■ boxing champion, and photographing a charging elephant! But they were all child's play compared to this assignment: Conducting one of those idiotic interviews for **MAD Magazine!** Not that it's more dangerous . . . just more embarrassing than those other embarrassing things I've done! Anyway, today we're going to meet **Lester Loudmouth**, who has been selected as . . .

## MAD'S OBNOXIOUS SPORTS SPECTATOR OF THE YEAR

Tell me, Lester . . . which do you prefer: Attending a sporting event in person . . . or watching it on TV?

I dig being there in person!

Oh? You enjoy the excitement . . . the color . . . and the feeling of being part of the action?

Nahh! If I watch a game on TV, I only disturb **ONE** person—my wife! But if I go to the game, I can bug **THOUSANDS** of people!!

How do you manage to do that?

Well, like the time I ran out and shook hands with **Henry Aaron**, and thirty thousand fans, plus all the creeps watching on TV had to wait ten minutes till the Fuzz dragged me off the field!



ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

Er—is bothering people the **ONLY** reason you enjoy attending sporting events, Lester?

Course not!

Then you **DO** enjoy the thrill of competition???

Not exactly!  
I like to see guys get hurt!

What was your biggest thrill in sports?

I've had lots of thrills! Like last year, when Jerry West made a basket just as the buzzer went off . . . !

Did ■ win the game?

Nahh! They lost by 9 points! But the basket beat the point spread, and I won a few bucks!

C'mon!  
We'll be late!

But the game doesn't start for an hour!

I wanna get there for the warmup!



You are  
a fan—  
wanting  
to see  
the  
players  
warm up!

What players?!? I wanna warm up!

NAMATH, YOU'RE A %\$#& STIFF!

CASTER, YOU GOT CEMENT HANDS!

WINNERS?!? YOU'RE ALL LOSERS!

Where  
are you  
going?  
It's  
time  
for the  
kickoff!

Me? I'm goin' for a hot dog!  
I ALWAYS go during kickoffs  
and other crucial plays! It  
really bugs people! Hey, Mac,  
would you mind gettin' out of  
my way? Cheez! Some people  
ain't got no manners at all!

It's  
Giants'  
ball,  
first  
and  
ten!

Another thing I like  
to do is listen to a  
DIFFERENT game on  
my portable radio!  
It drives everybody  
around me up the wall!

Hey!  
Turn  
that  
%\$#&  
thing  
off!!

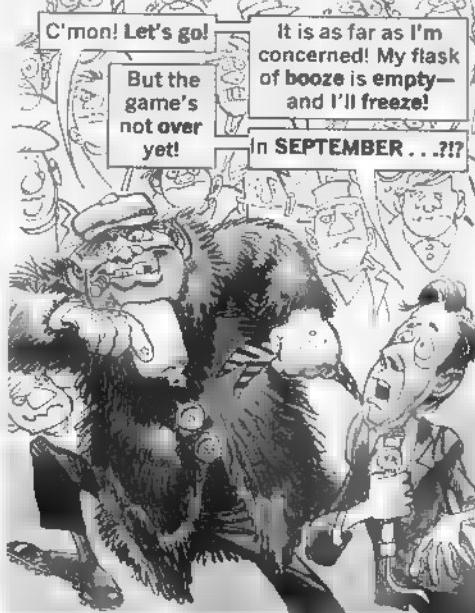


I'll tell you one thing! I  
know this game! I would've  
made a really great Coach!

C'MON! PASS THE BALL!  
PUT IT IN THE AIR!

The other team intercepted!

Namath,  
you dumb  
burn!!  
Why  
didn't  
you stay  
on the  
ground?!



C'mon, you %&\$#  
CANUCKS! Let's  
see some ACTION  
out there!

What a dull game!

I think  
it's very  
exciting!  
The score  
is tied!

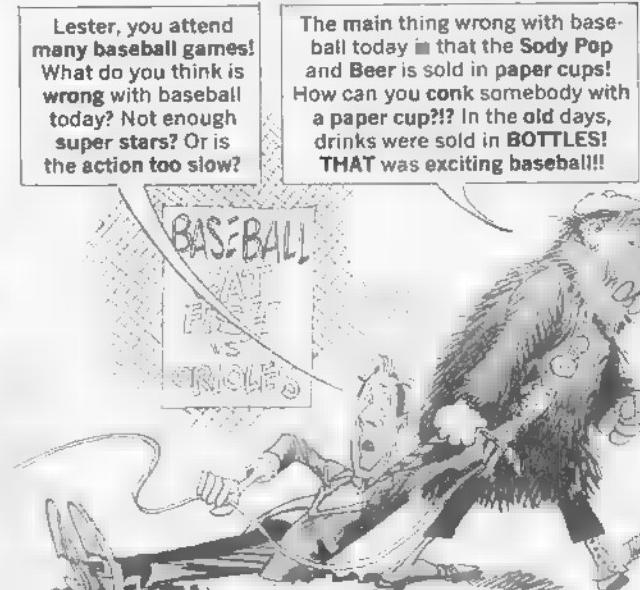
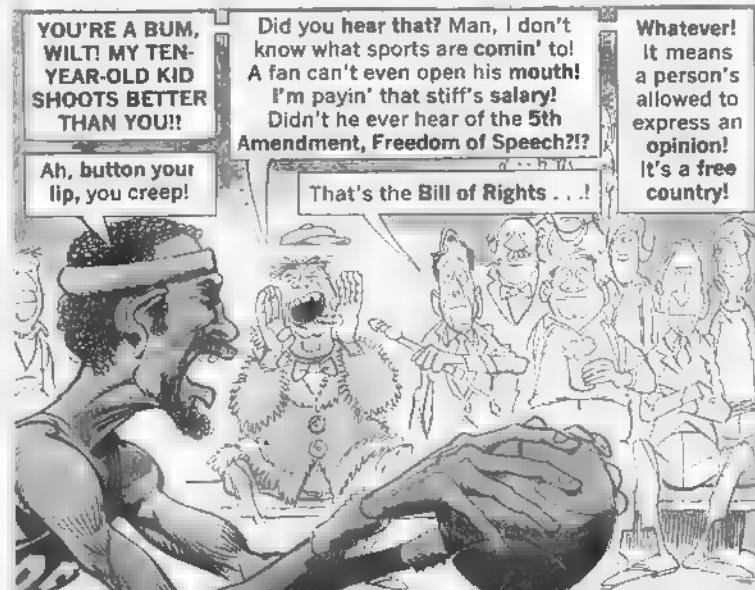
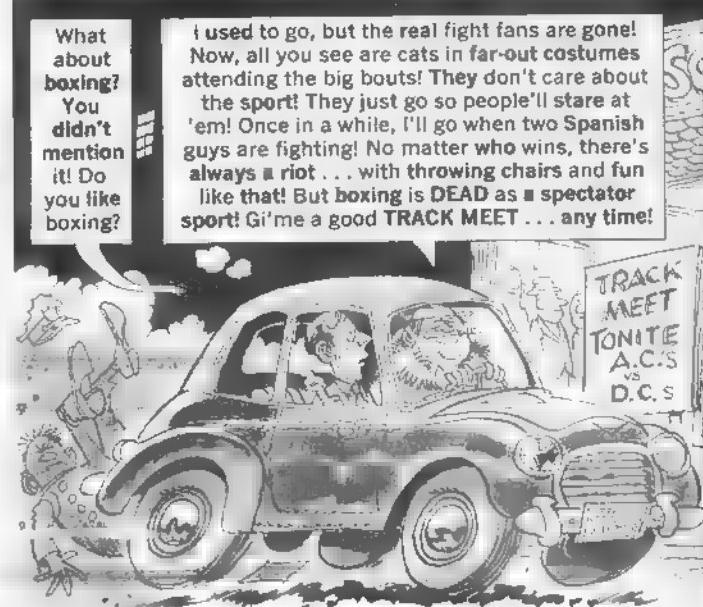
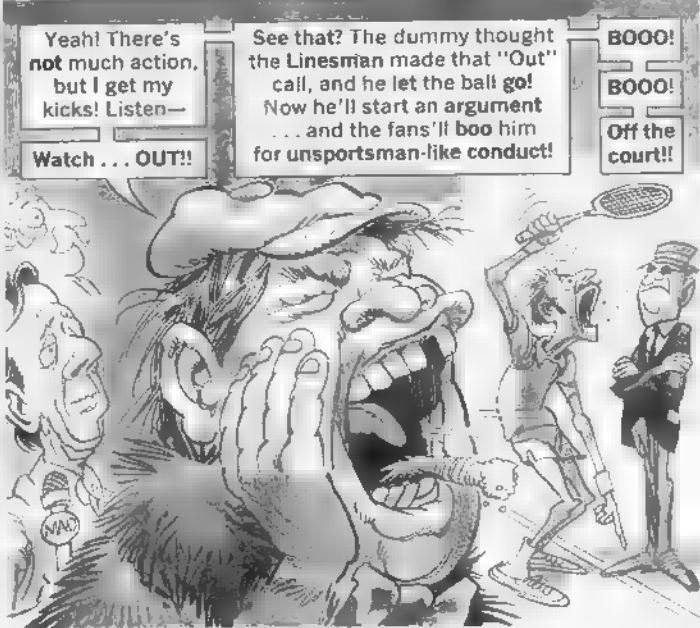
Who cares about the SCORE?!? There  
hasn't been one lousy FIGHT yet!  
And even worse . . . no BLOOD!! Well,  
I might as well throw this rotten  
fruit I brought! Maybe it'll inspire  
them bums into some rough stuff!

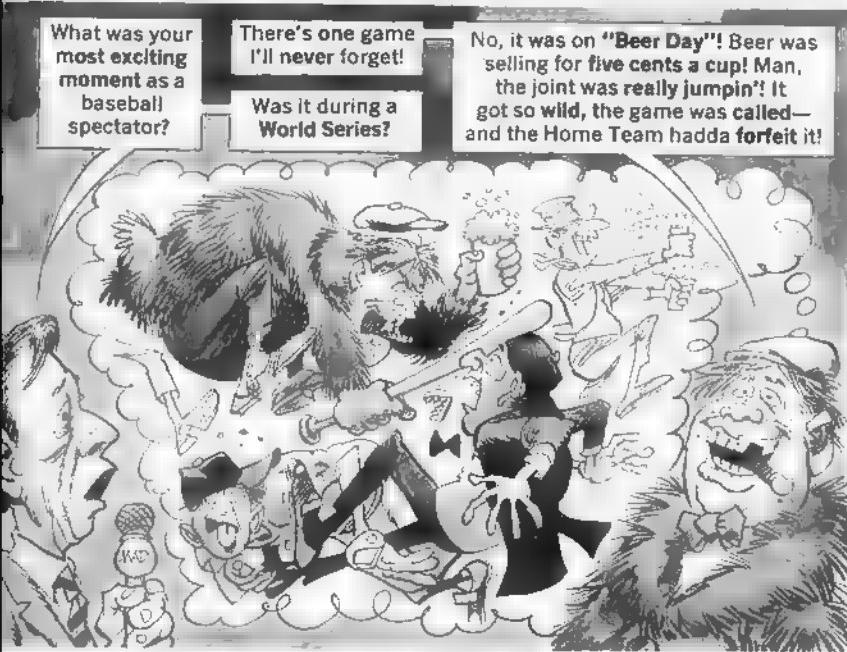


Next, we're  
gonna see a  
tennis match!

I'm surprised you like tennis, since  
yelling, cursing and rowdy behavior  
are frowned upon at tennis matches!

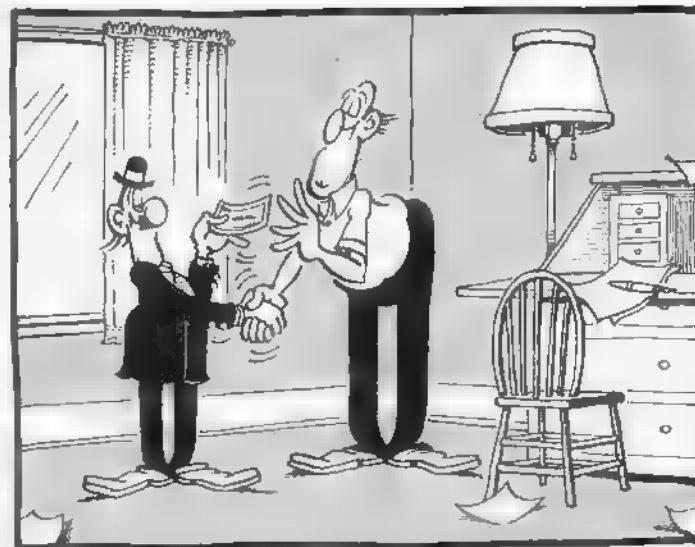






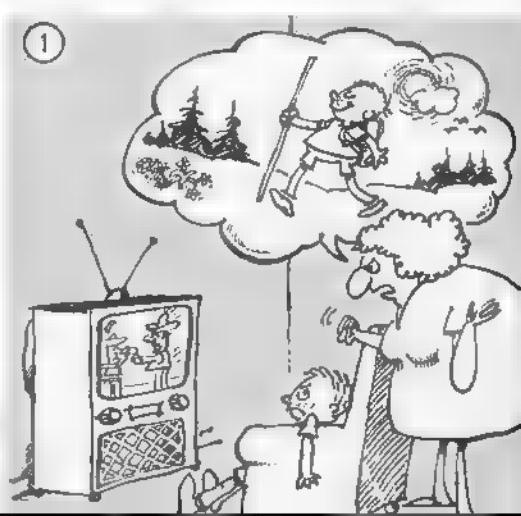
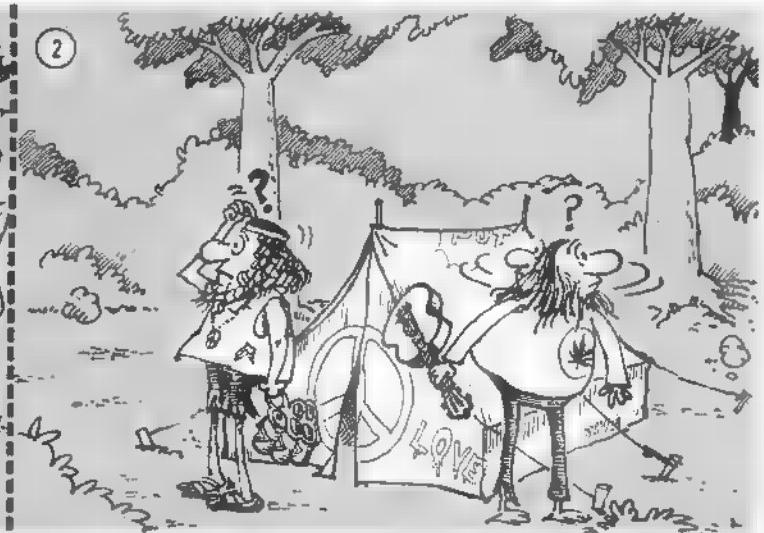
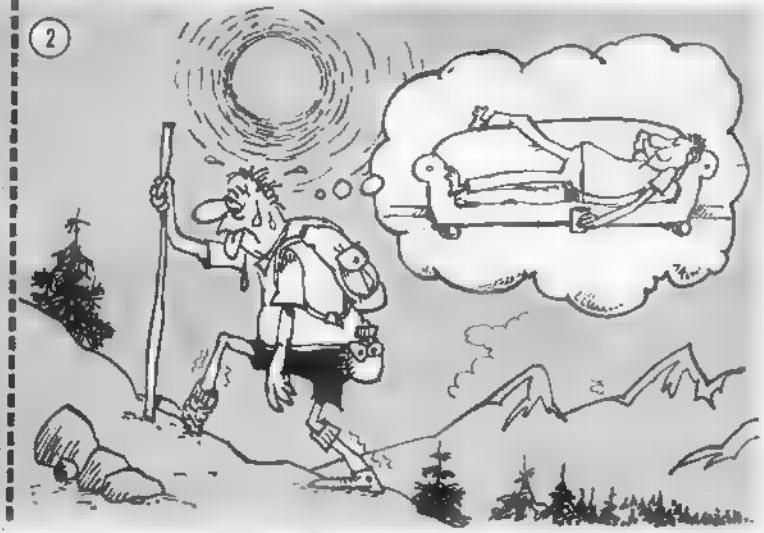
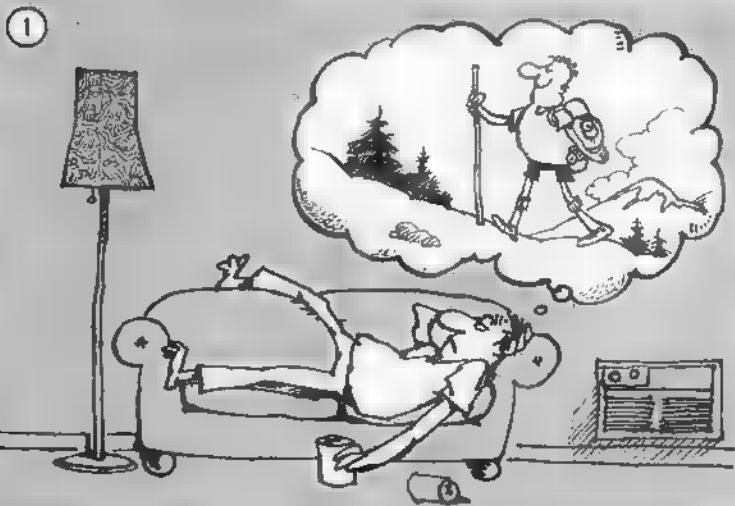
DON MARTIN DEPT. PART ■

# ONE FINE DAY IN SUBURBIA



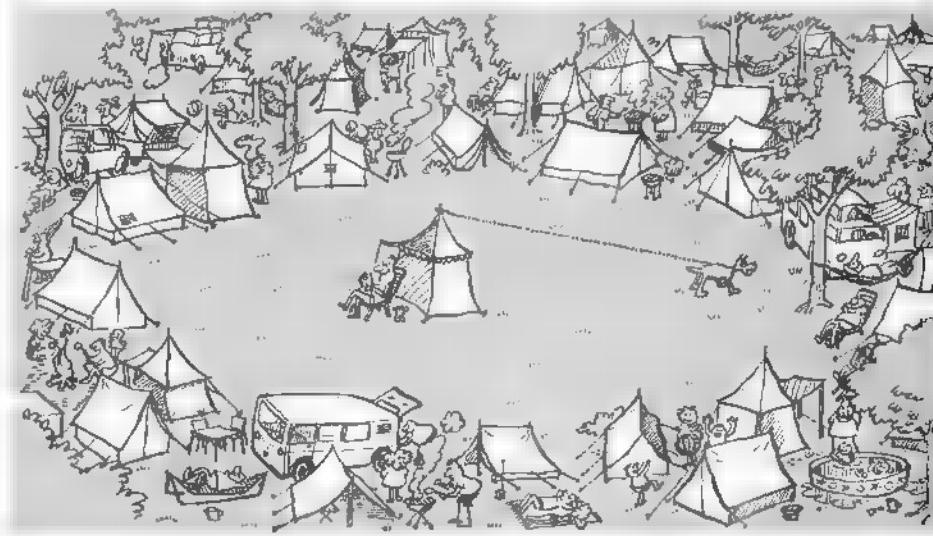
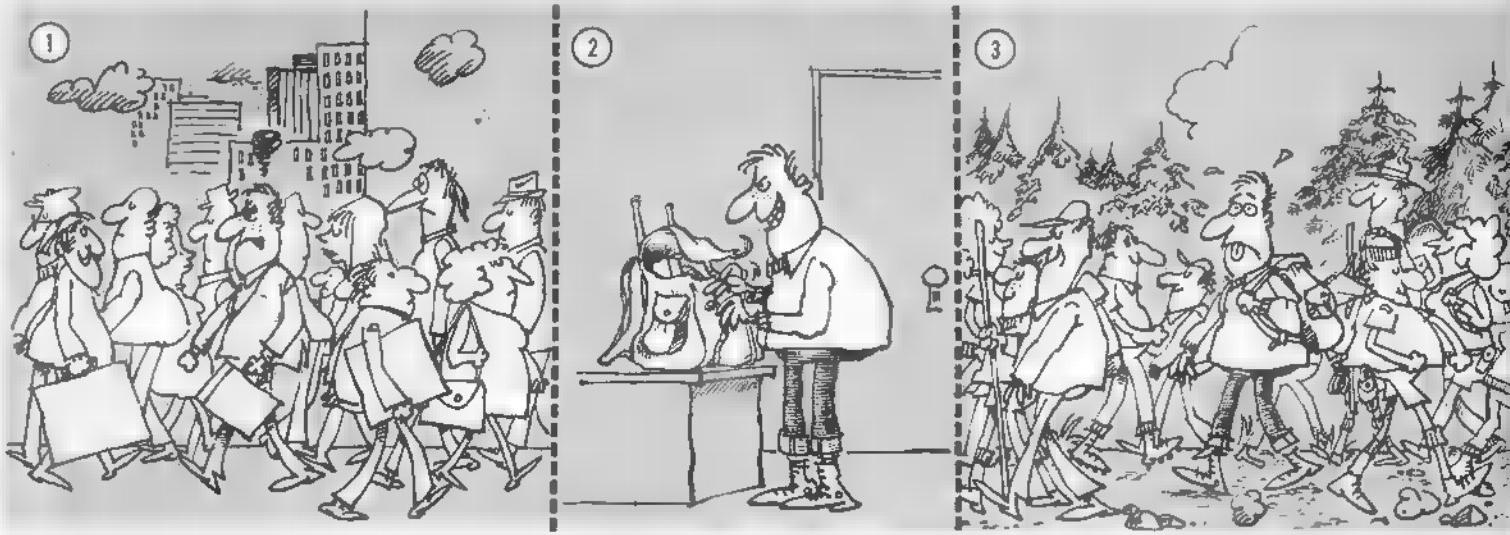
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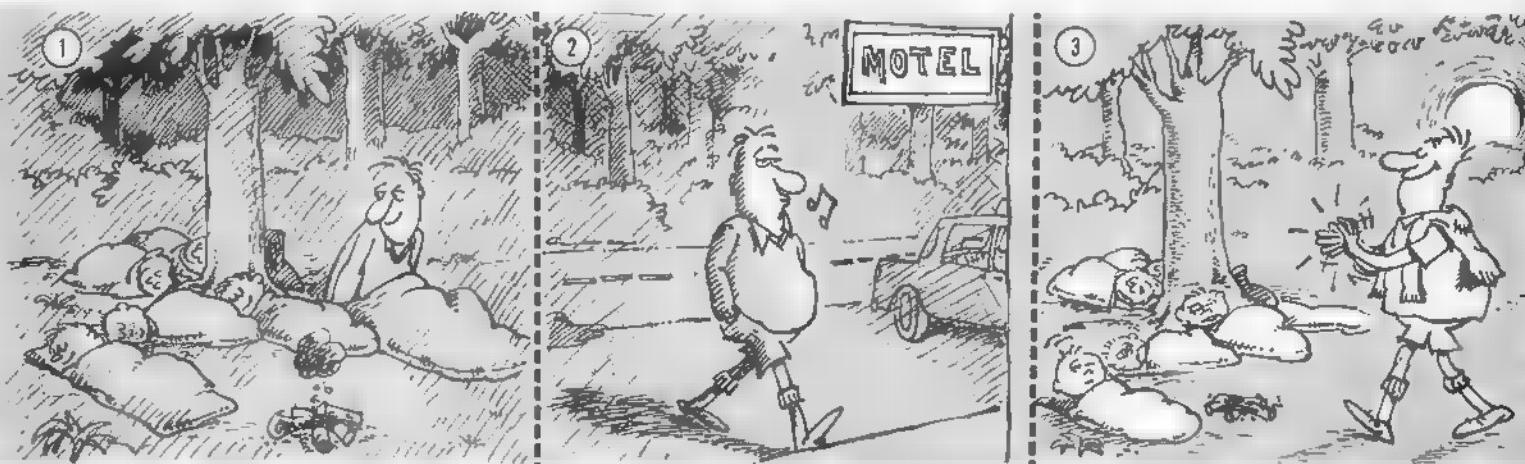
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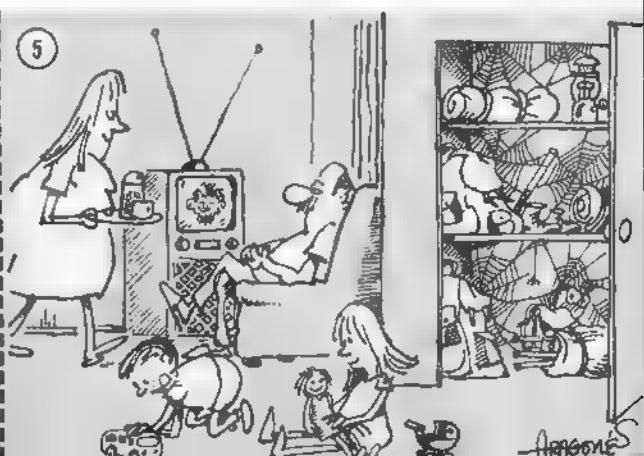
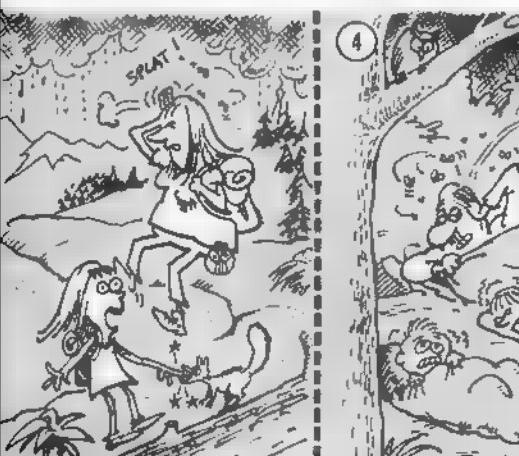
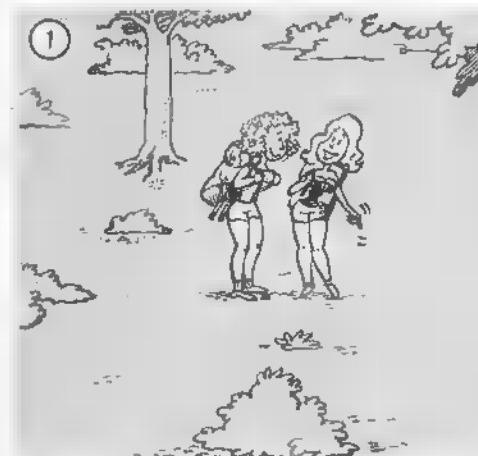
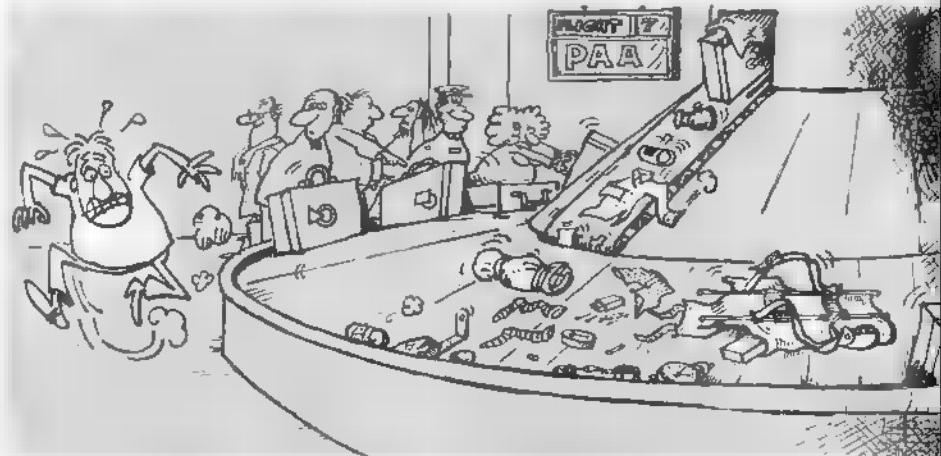
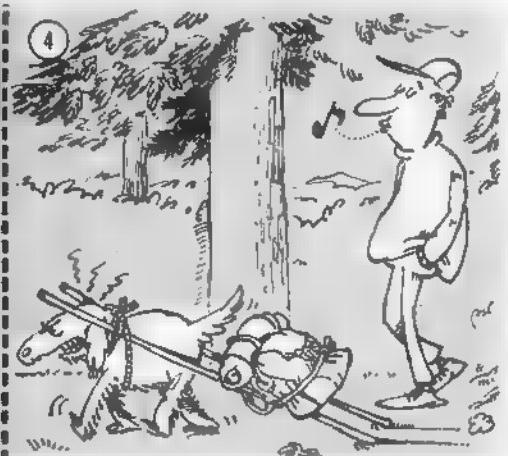


# BACKPACKING

ARTIST & WRITER:  
SERGIO ARAGONES



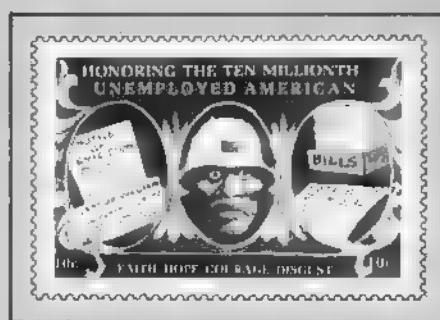
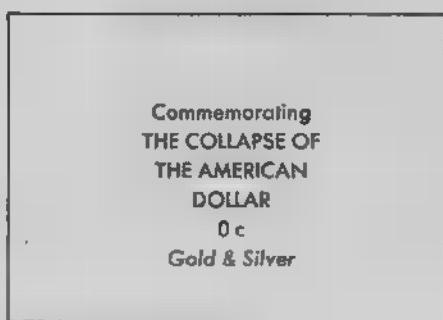
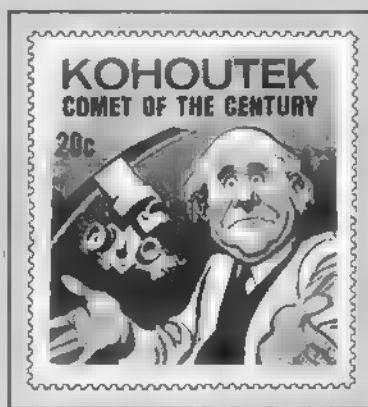
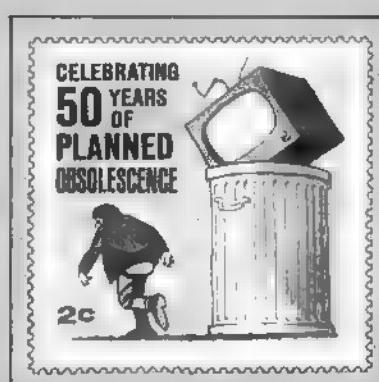
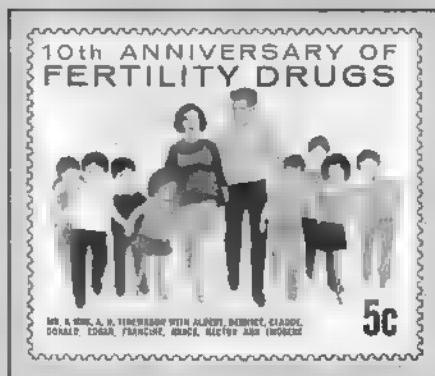
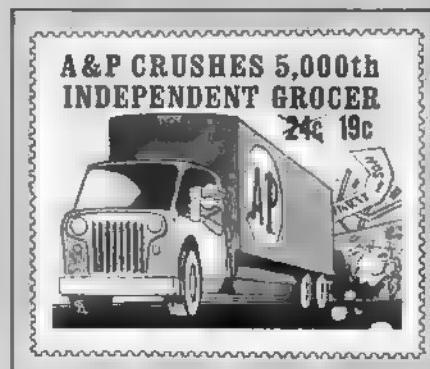




## PHILATELIC LIKE ■ IS DEPT.

Every year the Postal Service issues a batch of new commemorative stamps, and every year we see the same old kind ■ subjects. You know—great Presidents, anniversaries of cherished events, renowned scientists, stuff like that. ■ MAD had its way, the Postal Service would issue stamps that told it like it really is. Not that it will ever happen! That's why we've titled this article

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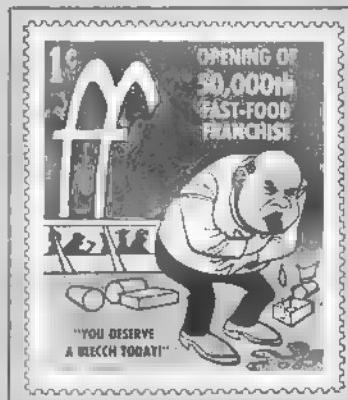
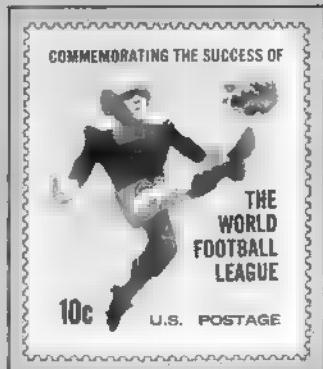


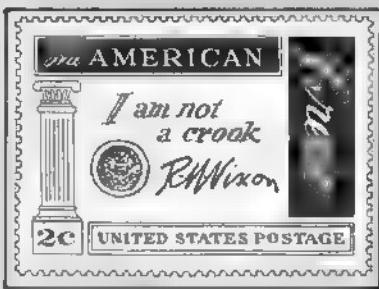
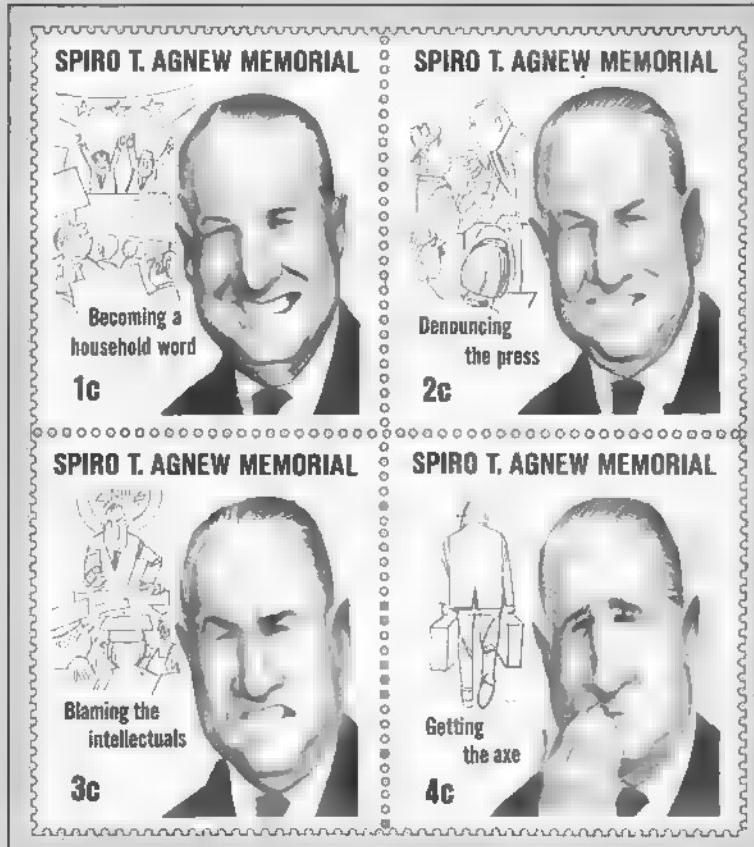
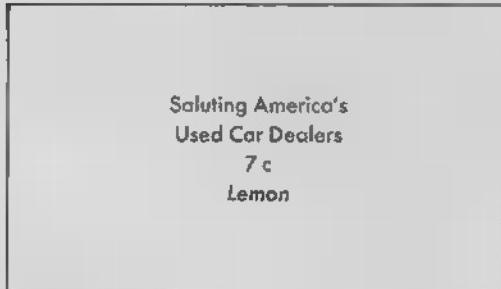
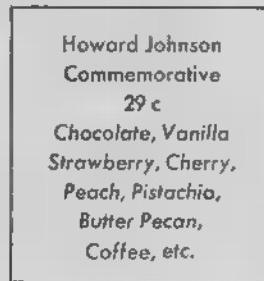
# MORATIVE STAMPS

## That We'll Never Get To See

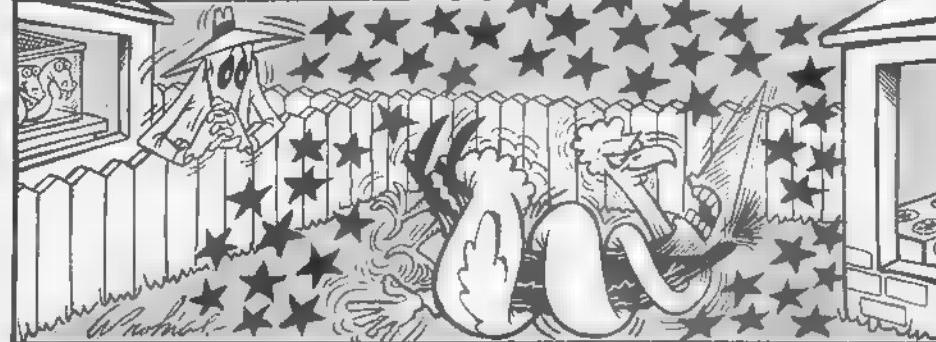
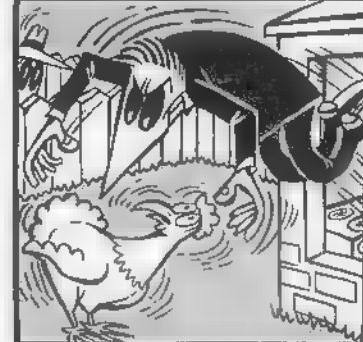
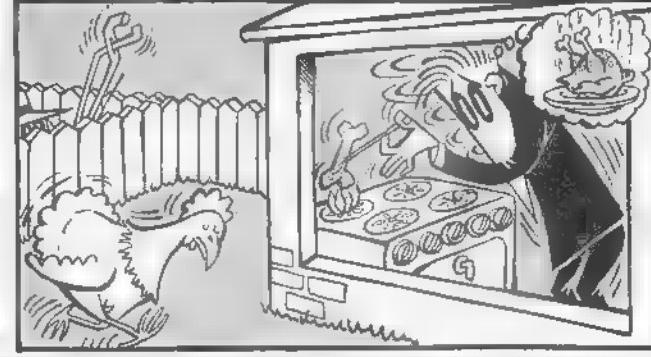
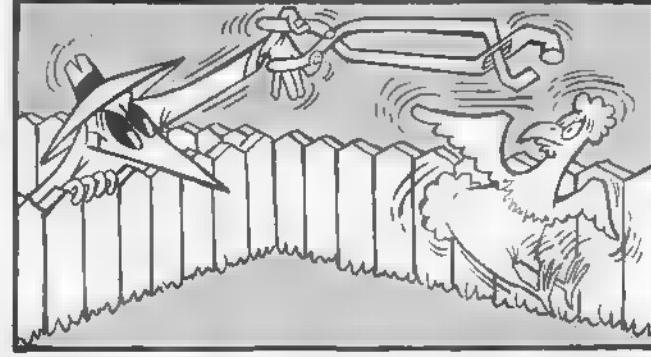
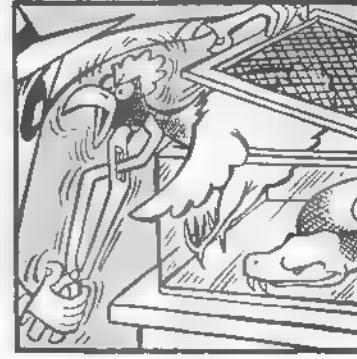
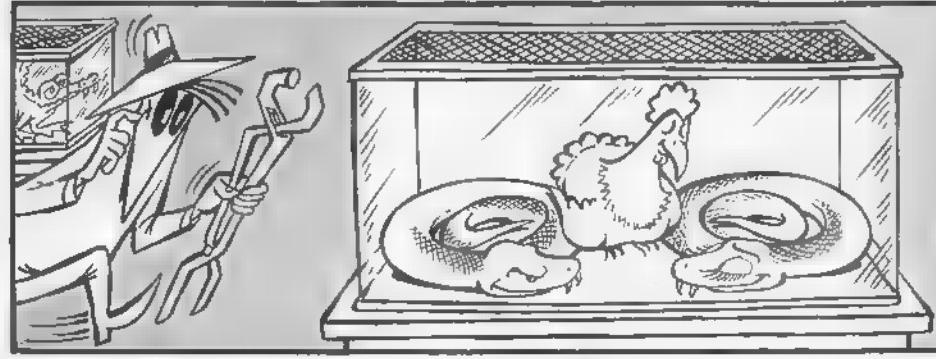
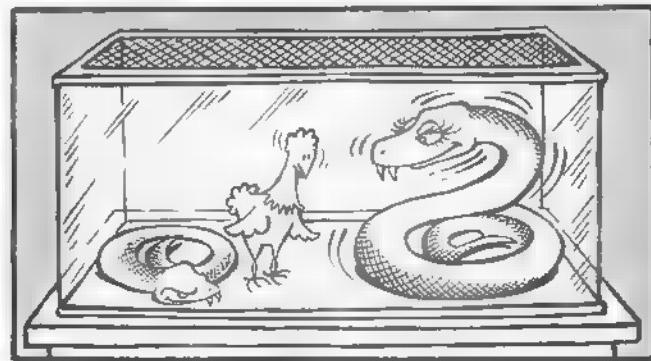
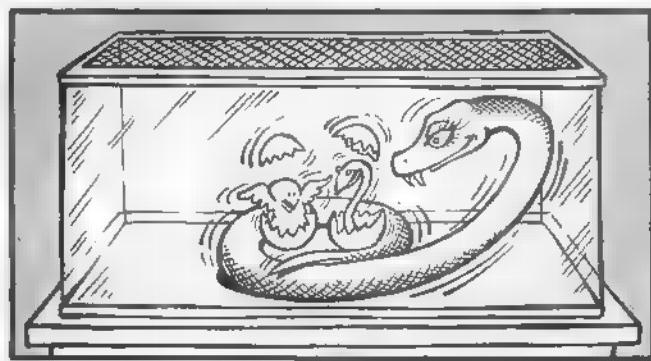
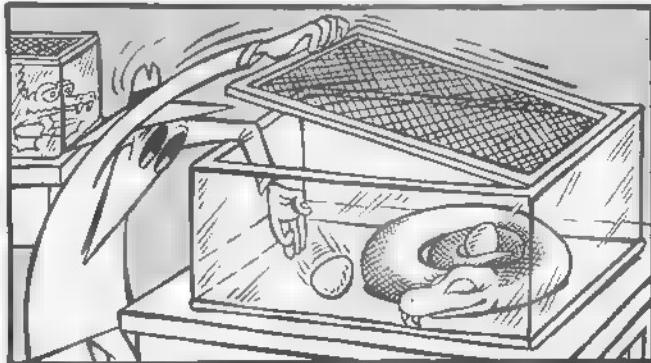
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS





JOKE & DAGGER DEPT.



SHOE BIZ DEPT.

# FOOTNOTES\*

ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.



\*“Man... your hands are *cold*!!”



\*“Our Spotter wants to tell you about a **weakness** in their defense...”



\*“Boy, are **YOU** offside!”

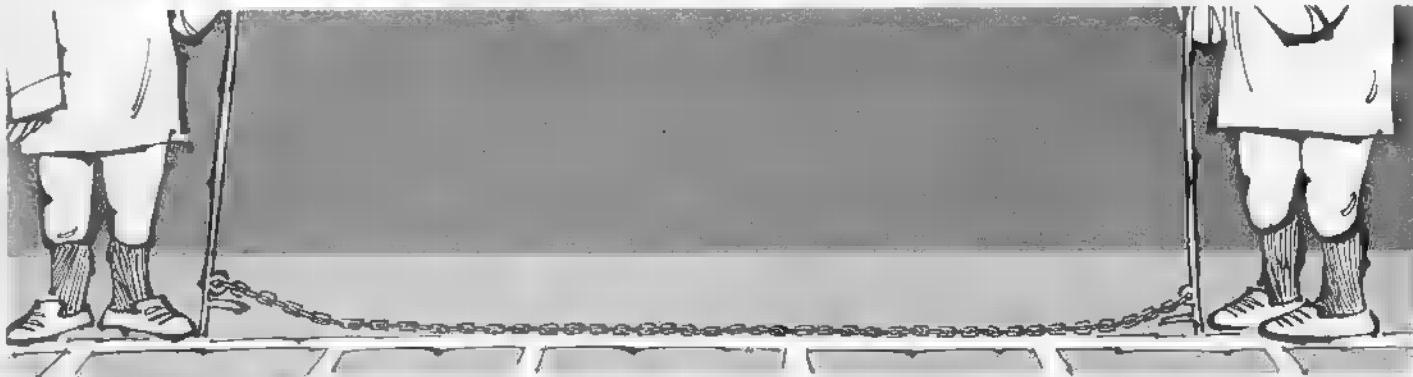


\*“It’s not exactly an **injury**...”

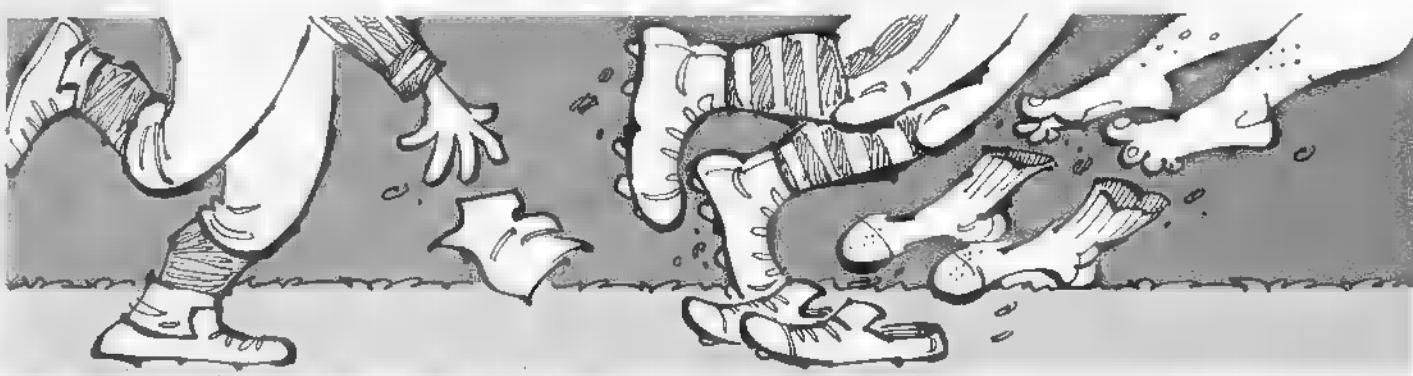


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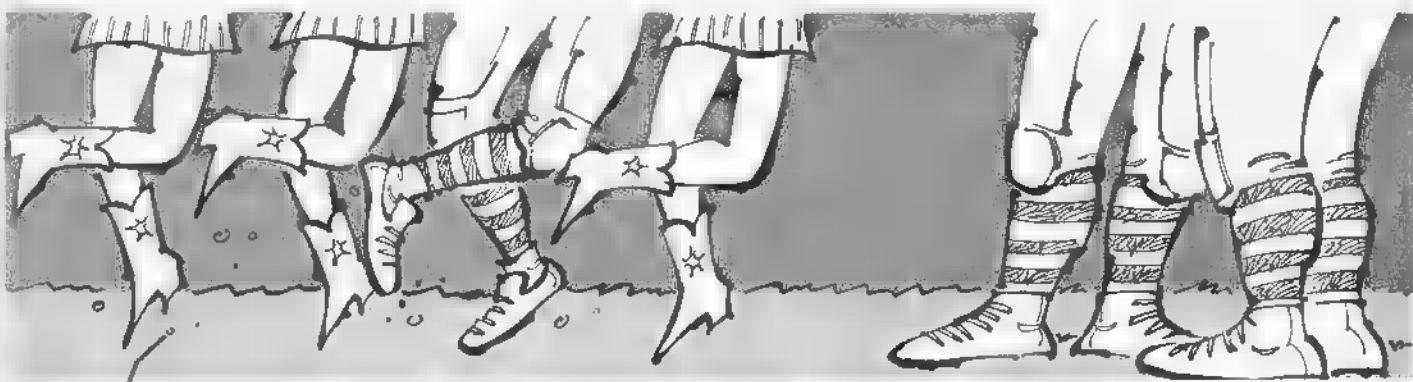
WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



\*“Do I go towards you...or do you come towards me?”



\*“Unnecessary roughness...!!”



\*“...and that's why they call him 'Broadway Joe'!”



\*“Congratulations! You just kicked two yards of Astroturf through the uprights!”

R-I-N-G R-I-N-N-G R-I-N-N-H!!

R-I-N-N-G!!

Hello . . . ? Oh, hi, Baby! Uh—I think YOU'RE groovy too! Yeah! Listen, I . . . I can't get into a heavy conversation right now! Why don't you drop by and see me in the shop tomorrow? Okay . . . ? See yuh . . . !

Who was that? Another "Old Girlfriend" calling in the middle of the night?

No, I wrong number!

Oops! There's my phone again! Hello . . . ? Yeah! Sure! Sure! I'll be right over!

Okay! NOW . . . who was THAT?!

A customer from the shop! It's an emergency! She wants me to rush right over and tease her hair—and other sections!

I'm sorry, Gorgeous, but I can't deal with this! All these calls from sick neurotic sex-starved Beverly Hills females! I've got a good mind to put on my clothes and go home to my Husband!!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

I'd like to get a loan to open my own Beauty Shop!

I see! And what sort of references do you have?

Well . . . I do Suzanne Pleshette!

Pardon me?

Her HAIR!!  
I do Suzanne Pleshette's HAIR!!

I'm afraid being the Hairdresser of the co-star of "The Bob Newhart Show" is not exactly the kind of collateral we have in mind!

You don't understand, Man! I've got the HEADS! They all use me . . . the grooviest broads in Beverly Hills . . . Sally Fields, Barbara Rush, Jill St. John, Eydie Gorme, Angie Dickinson, Hermione Gingold, Maria Ouspenskaya, Gale Storm, Wayne Newton, Tony Orlando and Dawn and Dino and Desi and Liberace!

Those references are a farce, Mr. Carlyle! This is a respected Beverly Hills Bank, dealing in conservative financial investments typical of all Southern California Banking Institutions!

You creep! You mean you're turning me down?

Yes—and don't ever come back to the Joan Blondell Bank and Trust Co.!



## RABBIT WARREN DEPT.

Hi! I'm Warren Beauty! You've just seen the opening scene in my latest film! I've come a long way from my first big movie, "Bonnie and Clyde" . . . in which I played a sick, neurotic, psychopathic killer with strange sexual problems! In this movie, I play a sick, neurotic, psychopathic HAIRDRESSER with strange sexual problems! Yep, if you think Clyde Barrow had hang-ups, just follow the sexual adventures of this flako, who makes out with every female in sight all day long and ends up . . .

# SHAMPOOED

Kawasaki lets the  
good times roll . . .  
Kawasaki lets the  
good times roll . . .

Hi, Baby! What's new?

Why didn't you call me, Gorgeous? Why do you leave me all alone in this canyon house? Why weren't you here with me?

That's just what I need in my life right now . . . another sensational-looking, sick, sex-starved, neurotic woman!

I been thinking about my career, Jilt! I'm kinda fed up down at the Beauty Shop! I want to open my own place!

I understand how you feel! You're trying to FIND yourself! You're not really happy with your life!

Yeah! On the other hand, I really can't COMPLAIN about my life! After all . . . there are Make-Out Men in INDIA that are STARVING!!



WRITER: ARNIE KOGAN

How do you like the nerve of that @%#!?

Suggesting that ME, the leading Hairdresser in Beverly Hills . . .  
is immature and irresponsible!



You're late, Gorgeous!  
There are four ladies here, waiting impatiently!

FIVE . . . including YOU, doll!

Now, what are you here for?

A wash and a set!

A comb out and a fluff!

A trim and a bleach!

A rinse and an affair!

It's a toughie . . . but I'll take HER first!



Tell me, Gorgeous, how does it feel being the only straight Hairdresser in Beverly Hills . . . ?

It's like being a successful show on TV! I'm a "Hit"... but there's a lot of pressure on me to come through all the time!

I understand you didn't get the loan from the bank! Talk to my Tycoon Husband, Lesser! He'll bankroll you!

You mean it?!? You really think he'd put his money behind a vacant, self-indulgent pleasure-seeker with no sense of values?!?

He's supporting ME, isn't he?!?

Felandera says you're a good investment, but I don't know—giggle, giggle! A Beauty Shop?! It's an unusual business! How'd you get into it?

I—I went to Beauty School . . . and got my Operator's License after I graduated!

You—you GRADUATED from Beauty School?!?

You wouldn't believe the Ceremony! They played the theme from "Hair" . . . and everybody MINCED down the aisle!



Lesser, I've got to talk to you! I'm getting fed up with our arrangement!

Oh . . . uh . . . Jerkie, this is Gorgeous!

We've met!  
Yeah! She was great!

Er . . . uh . . . Jerkie is a little edgy because we have an "arrangement" that's rather unorthodox for Beverly Hills!

Yes! He's seeing his WIFE on the side!

Listen, I've got a great idea! I'm throwing a little Election Night Party at "The Bistro" tonight! My Wife is going to be there, so . . . Gorgeous, why don't you bring Jackie for me? It should be a fantastic evening! We can see who wins . . . in the National Race . . . and in the Marital Race! See you guys later, huh . . .



WOW! That should be FIREWORKS! Lesser and I are having an affair and he's inviting me to the same party as his Wife!

Yeah, and while you've been messin' around with HIM, I've been messin' around with HIS Wife!

And HE doesn't know that YOU and I have been messin' around for years!

C'mon, let's go VOTE . . . and then I gotta get back to the Shop!

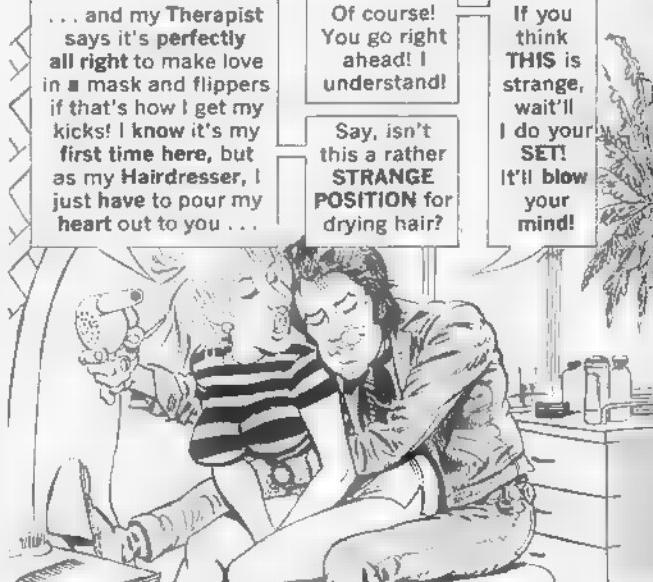
Y-you expect US to VOTE?!?  
Of course!! As two PLAIN ORDINARY EVERYDAY AMERICANS, it's our duty!

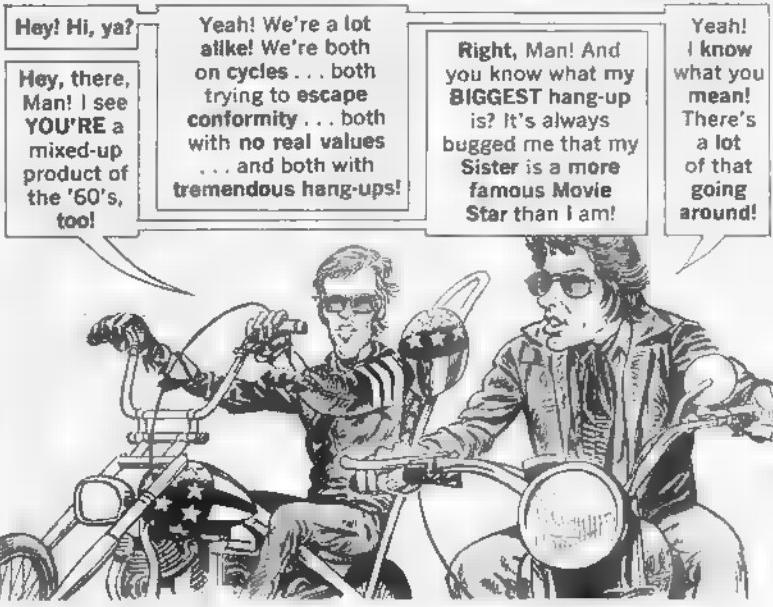
. . . and my Therapist says it's perfectly all right to make love in a mask and flippers if that's how I get my kicks! I know it's my first time here, but as my Hairdresser, I just have to pour my heart out to you . . .

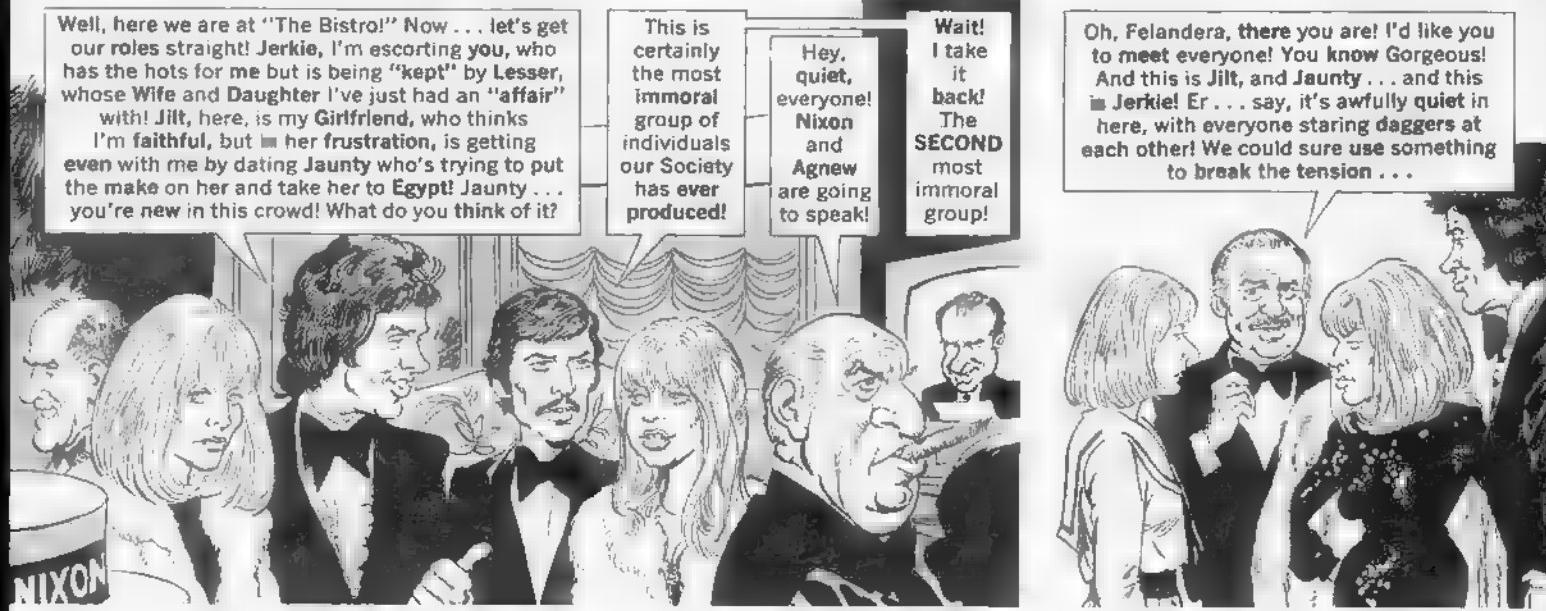
Of course! You go right ahead! I understand!

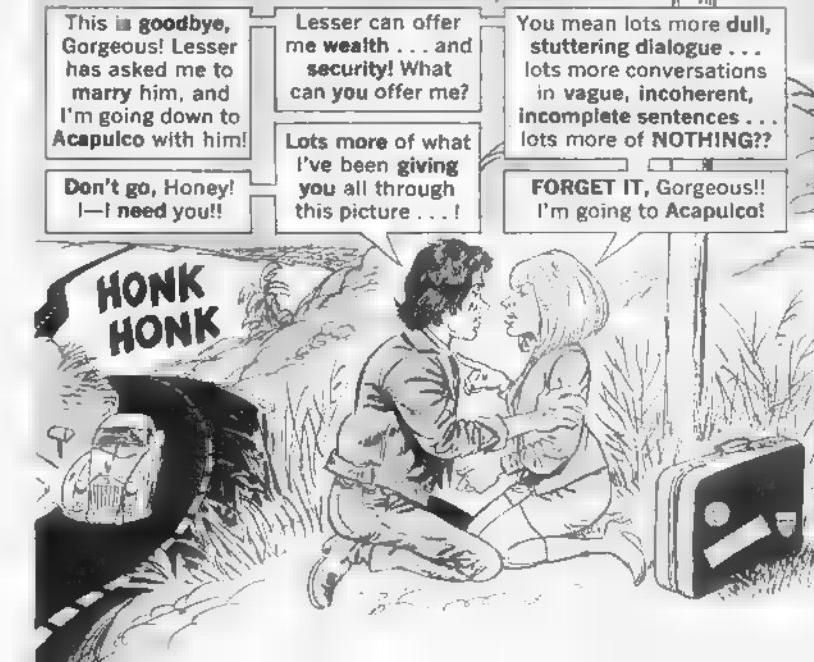
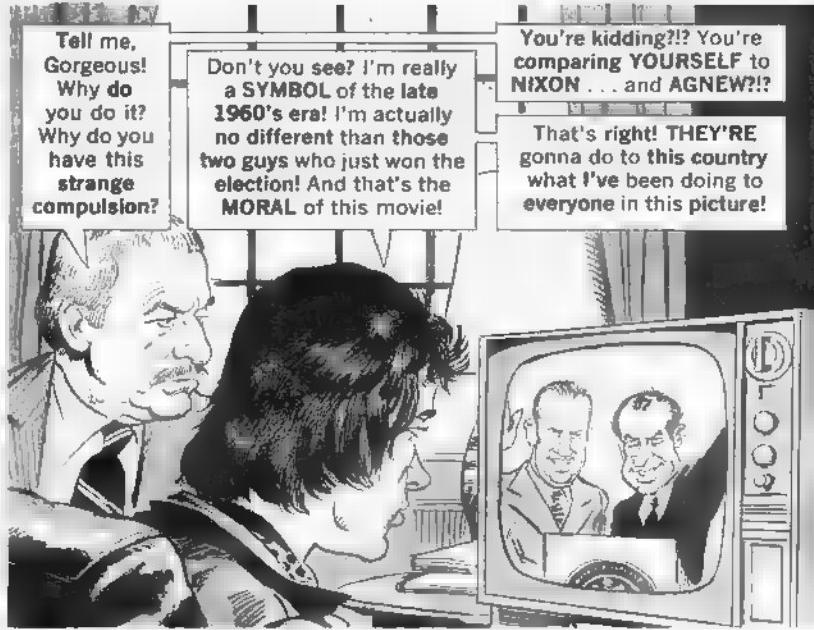
Say, isn't this a rather STRANGE POSITION for drying hair?

If you think THIS is strange, wait'll I do your SET! It'll blow your mind!









# ONE DAY WHILE FILMING A WORLD WAR II MOVIE

It's Private Minelli, Sir . . . coming this way on the double!



Well, Minelli? What have you got to report?



There's a small patrol in th' woods, Sir . . .



. . . an' A NEST A' KRAUTS is up on th' hill!!!

A NEST A' KRAUTS!?!?

CUT!!

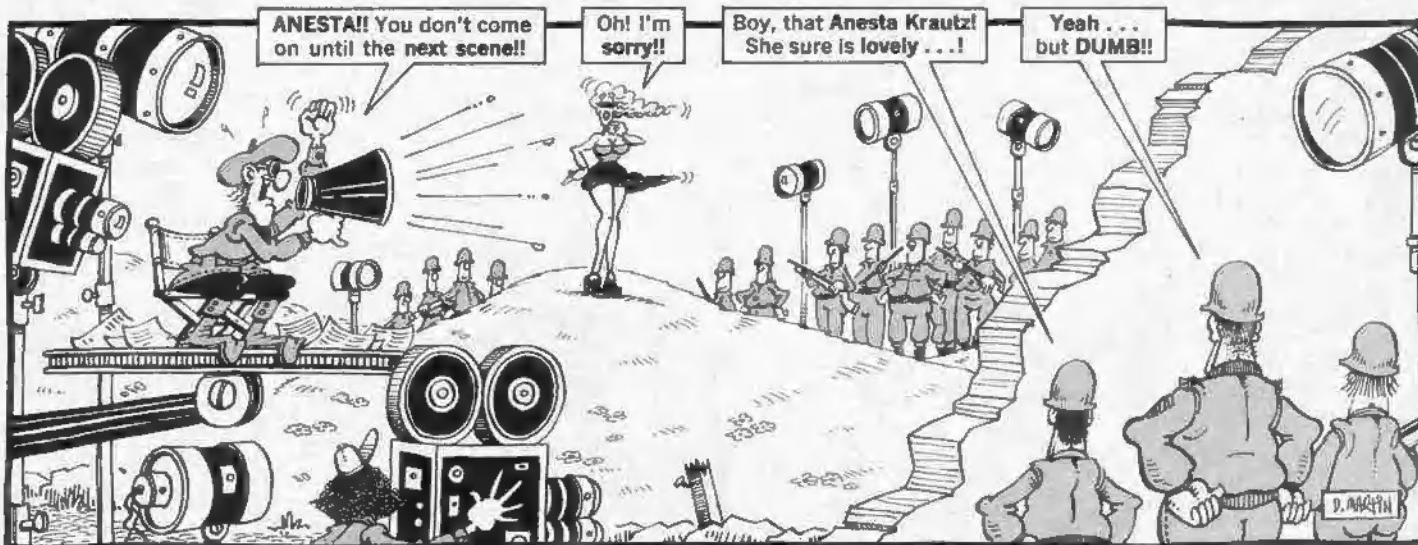


ANESTA!! You don't come on until the next scene!!

Oh! I'm sorry!!

Boy, that Anesta Krautz! She sure is lovely . . . !

Yeah . . . but DUMB!!



**WHEN CAN  
YOU BE  
GUARANTEED  
THE  
VERY BEST  
WEATHER?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS  
**MAD FOLD-IN**

Mother Nature is constantly confounding the Weather Experts! But there is one sure way to out-fox the Old Girl and be guaranteed of fantastic weather every time. To learn this little secret, fold in page as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

B

FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"



ARTIST & WRITER:  
AL JAFFEE

A WEATHERMAN'S JOB WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL SOFTER  
YEAR ROUND IF NATURE COOPERATED. HOUR BY HOUR  
VARIATIONS NULLIFY PREDICTIONS IN MANY A LOCATION

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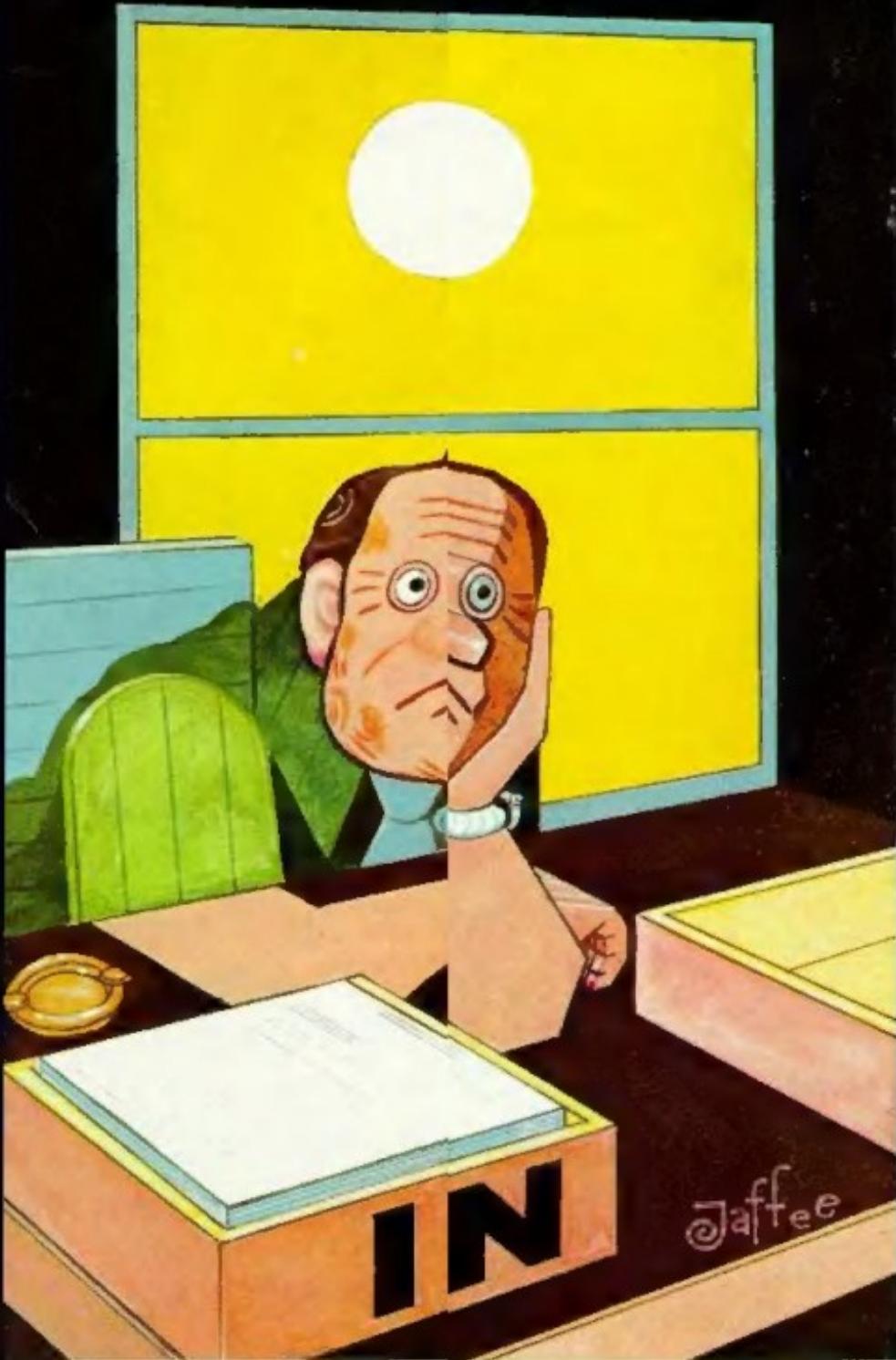
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**WHEN CAN  
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GUARANTEED  
THE  
VERY BEST  
WEATHER?**



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

**A>B** FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"



ARTIST & WRITER:  
AL JAFFEE

**AFTER  
YOUR  
VACATION**

**A>B**

# FISH...OR FOUL? A SCENE WE'D HATE TO SEA

ANOTHER  
MAD  
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